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Having traversed nearly 6,000 miles, the Japanese plane, Divine Wind, piloted by Masaaki Iinuma, ace pilot of the "Asahi Shimbun," is still making splendid time in the attempt to set up a new record for a Tokyo-London flight.

This morning at 5.45 a.m. (Karachi Time), approximately 48 hours after his departure from Tokyo, Iinuma took off for Basra, and by the time of going to press, had probably covered another 1,200 miles of his long journey.

A Reuter message from Tokyo, announcing departure of the Divine Wind from Karachi, indicates that even more remarkable achievements than already credited are the aim of the airmen. From Basra, they will go on to Bagdad and from there to Athens.

They hope to reach Croydon on Friday at noon, approximately 8 p.m. H. K. Time.

STRIKE THREAT IN DENMARK

Government Seeking
Special Powers

Copenhagen, To-day.
In an effort to ward off the threatened strike of 80,000 workers, the Danish Government has decided to introduce a Bill for obtaining immediate parliamentary powers enabling it to handle the situation that has arisen following rejection of the arbitration award by the labour unions.—Trans-Ocean.

SIR THOMAS SCOTT DEAD

Distinguished Army
Officer

London, To-day.
The death has occurred of Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Scott, Indian Army (Retired), at the age of 70. Lieut.-General Scott saw service on the North-West Frontier, East Africa, Uganda, relief of the Peking Legation, Mesopotamia, East Africa and India.—Reuter.

WANG CHUNG-HUI AND NORTH CHINA SITUATION

Shanghai, To-day.

Events point to an early resumption of Sino-Japanese diplomatic negotiations for settlement of outstanding points in dispute.

THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE "DEMANDS" WILL BE FORMULATED BY CHINA AND THAT TERMINATION OF THE INVIDIOUS SITUATION IN NORTH CHINA WILL BE A PREREQUISITE OF DISCUSSION ON ANY OTHER SUBJECT OF COMMON INTEREST.

The Chinese newspapers to-day discuss the outlook and state that the formal call which was made by Mr. S. Kwaagoe, the Japanese Ambassador, upon Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister for Foreign Affairs and acting Premier, yesterday afternoon may be expected to mark the beginning of efforts to re-open negotiations for an adjustment of Sino-Japanese relations.

ABOLITION DEMANDS
Dr. Wang Chung-hui and Mr. Kawagoe will probably meet again shortly when, according to the "Lih Pao," Dr. Wang will formulate demands for the abolition of the East Hopei and North Charhar "autonomous regions."

Meantime, it is announced that Hsu Shih-ying, the Chinese Ambassador to Japan, has withdrawn his resignation at the Government's request and will be returning to Tokyo before May 20.—Reuter.

NEW ORDER OF SOCIETY

Catholic Bishop's Plea
In Austria

Vienna, To-day.
A suggestion that attempts are being made to form a Popular Front in Austria was made by the Catholic Bishop of Linz yesterday. Addressing a gathering of Catholics in Vienna, the Bishop declared that there were sufficient healthy and creative forces within the ranks of Christian and Socialist workers to build up a new order of society and a new Austrian State.

If the workers were given a fair deal, he claimed, the results would be surprising.—Trans-Ocean.

Fair Weather

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has moved into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido, and another depression appears to be developing over the Loochoos. A weak anti-cyclone covers China. Forecast:—N. and N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

The Lords Discusses Sea Gulls

London, To-day.

Sea-gulls displaced weighty affairs of State in a discussion which lasted several hours in the House of Lords yesterday.

The question was raised by the Earl of Ilchester, who demanded that Government take measures to prevent ships from discharging oil in harbours or in the vicinity of the coast.

Oil, he said, was disastrous to sea-gulls, as it stuck to their feathers and prevented them from flying.

Replying for the Government, Viscount Stanhope declared that the League of Nations had taken up the same question in 1934, and he was of the opinion that improvements in ship construction would gradually eliminate the problem.

Viscount Stanhope further stated that British sea captains had been advised not to discharge oil within fifty miles of the coast.—Trans-Ocean.

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AHMED SHAH BECAME KING OF KABUL, AND THE DIAMOND PASSED TO HIS SON - THE NEXT OWNER WAS SHAH SHUJA, ANOTHER RULER OF KABUL - HE WAS DEPOSED AND FLED FOR HIS LIFE, ESCAPING WITH THE KOH-I-NUR.



AGAIN THE KOH-I-NUR BROUGHT ILL-FORTUNE TO THE MAN WHO WORE IT - THE KING OF PERSIA WAS MURDERED BY ONE OF HIS BODYGUARDS, AN AFGHAN, NAMED AHMED SHAH, WHO ESCAPED TO AFGHANISTAN TAKING THE DIAMOND WITH HIM.



THE MAHARAJAH RANJIT SINGH, LION OF THE PUNJAB, OFFERED THE LUCKLESS FUGITIVE PROTECTION, BUT, AS SHAH SHUJA SOON FOUND, ONLY ON CONDITION HE HANDED OVER THE KOH-I-NUR!

LARGE NEW DRAFTS FOR WELCH FUSILIERS

DORSETSHIRE ARRIVING FROM HOME TO-MORROW

With the exception of a few details which will travel to the East by other ships, the outward troopship for this season practically comes to an end to-morrow with the arrival of the transport, Dorsetshire, in the Colony.

The Dorsetshire left Southampton on March 12 last with a big draft of men for the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, and Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers for other units.

According to schedule the transport will leave on Friday next.

The following are the personnel arriving by the Dorsetshire:

Royal Artillery: Major J. C. L. Yale and Mrs. Yale; Capt. (Bt. Major) B. L. de Roebeck, Mrs. de Roebeck and child; Lieut. L. Walmsley Cotham; Lieut. T. Nicholson; Lieut. G. E. Godby, Mrs. Godby and child.

Royal Engineers: Major A. S. Johnstone, Mrs. Johnstone and child; and Miss Brabner (nurse); Q. M. Serjts. D. McAdam, J. C. Lucas, J. Adams, F. L. Vickary and families.

Royal Signals: Lieut. A. B. Whatham.

Royal Welch Fusiliers: Capt. B. E. Horton, and Mrs. Horton; Lieut. T. A. G. Pritchard; Lieut. H. A. S. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke; Second-Lieut. J. E. C. Hood; Three N. C. O.'s and 104 ranks.

Border Regiment: Brevet Lieut. Col. N. W. S. Irwin, D.S.O., M.C., and Mrs. Irwin.

Seaforth Highlanders: Capt. A. W. T. Bonar, M.C., Mrs. Bonar and children; Lieut. R. G. B. Innes and child; Second-Lieut. J. M. B. Poyntz, C. S. M. J. Gaston and family.

R.A.S.C.: Major C. E. S. Dobbs, and Mrs. Dobbs; Capt. R. Robertson, Mrs. Robertson and family; Capt. F. W. J. White and Mrs. White.

Army Educational Corps: W. O. I. F. S. Austin, Mrs. Austin and son.

R.A.O.C.: Q.M.S. C. Payne and family; and N. C. O.'s.

Q.A.I.M.N.S.: Matron Miss H. M. Jones and Staff Nurse Miss D. M. Grove.

Corps Of Military Police: C.Q.M.S. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews.

FOR SHANGHAI AND TIENTSIN

1st Bn. Loyal Regiment: Lieut. Cobley (for Shanghai).

1st Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers: Major C. L. Rougier, Capt. G. H. Stannus,

Mrs. Stannus and children, Lieut. S. R. Garratt, Miss Croome (nurse) (for Tientsin).

R.A.S.C.: Capt. A. Grieve, Mrs. Grieve and family, Lieut. (Q. M.) W. A. Searle, Mrs. Searle and children. (for Tientsin).

R.A.P.C.: Q.M.S.F.Y. Branson (for Tientsin).

LEAVING BY THE TROOPSHIP

The following will leave in the Dorsetshire, when she sails for the United Kingdom on Friday, April 16:

For Gibraltar: Sergt. R. Gatmell, Mrs. Gatmell and family, Gnr. H. Cole, Mrs. Cole and family. (Royal Artillery).

For Malta: Sergt. C. Viccars, Mrs. Viccars and family, and L/Sergt. J. Ball, Mrs. Ball and family. (Royal Artillery).

For Egypt: Sergt. A. Brundell, Mrs. Brundell and family. (Signals).

For Colombo: Major J. D. Milne (Royal Scots).

For United Kingdom: Col. H. C. Harrison, D.S.O., Lieut. Col. H. H. Dempsey and Mrs. Dempsey (Staff), Major J. S. Drennan, Mrs. Drennan and family (Royal Artillery); Sergt. R. Champion, Mrs. Champion and family, Sergt. G. Knight, Mrs. Knight and family (Royal Artillery), Major P. F. Foley, S/Sergt. D. A. Harris, and Mrs. Harris, Cpl. Shipp, Mrs. Shipp and family, W. C. I. F. B. Peters, Mrs. Peters and family (Royal Engineers); Sgmn. Lowe and Mrs. Lowe (Signals); Mrs. T. C. Sharp, wife of Major Sharp (Fusiliers); Lieut. E. C. Grey, L/C. A. Forbes (Seaforth); Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite, Lieut. C. Ravenhill, and Mrs. Ravenhill (H.K.S. R.A.); Capt. L. J. Walch, Mrs. Walch and family, S/Sergt. Beeson, Mrs. Beeson and family, L/Sergt. W. Gow, Mrs. Gow and family, Cpl. A. Farrar, Mrs. Farrar and family (R.A.S.C.); Major Anderson, Mrs. Anderson and family, Lieut. Col. S. D. Reid, and Mrs. Reid, Cpl. W. H. Lucas, Mrs. Lucas and family (R.A.M.C.); L/Sergt. Rann, Mrs. Rann and family, (R.A.O.C.); Sergt. H. True, Mrs. True and family (Pay Corps); Cpl. Hider, Mrs. Hider and family (C.M.P.); Matron Miss E. M. Bell (Q.A.I.M.N.S.); Mr. (Lieut. Col.) H. C. R. Bloom, Mrs. Bloom and family (F. A. Staff).

The following are invalid: B. S. M. Wilkins, Mrs. Wilkins and family (Artillery); L/Sergt. Marvin, Mrs. Marvin and family (Fusiliers); Fus. Molyneux, Mrs. Edwards (Fusiliers); and Mrs. O.N. Power, wife of Capt. G. S. Power (Signals).

THE WORLD GOES BY

TWO singing mice, one British and one American, are to go on the air simultaneously in the near future in what appears to be the latest move in the "hands across the sea" movement. American listeners will be asked to vote for the winner.

As Professor Whosich and myself are the only people in the world who understand mouse language, I am rather surprised that neither of us has been asked to referee the show, but the fact is that the broadcasters have become so crooner-conscious that words mean nothing to them.

However, at a practice try-out secretly held recently between Mickie Mouse of Devonport and Minnie Mouse of Squeekville, Pa., at which I contrived to be unofficially present, the following dialogue was intoned:

Minnie: Hey, Mickie, ain't you fell off that funny little island of yours yet?

Mickie: Gurn! You're jealous. How's the Wisconsin cheese racket?

Minnie: Wisconsin, huh! I'd have you know I ain't no hick mouse from the alfalfa belt. Pinch yourself awake, feller. My name's Minerva, and someday I'll be a big noise in Hollywood while you're still eating the rinds off the Cheshire cheeses and learning the second bar of "Home, Sweet Home."

Mickie: I don't think Greta Garbo's stand-in, that's you. But, say, Minnie, what about giving them a duet, I got a hot one here—"If you were the only mouse in the world." What about it?

Minnie: But I ain't the only mouse in the world, dumb-bell.

Mickie: You are to me, Minnie. It's your pretty voice that's got me down.

Minnie: Want me to fall for you, do you? Well, I dunno.

Mickie: Have a . . . hey, there, don't fade us out.

Minnie: S'no use. Goodbye, Mickie.

Mickie: S'long—doll baby.

For The Defence

"Mr. G. R. Smart, for the defence, said the men were not poachers, but just stupid fools."—Winchester police court case.

This line of defence, a barrister told us, is being adopted more and more by leading counsel.

In *Gertie Gubshaw v. The Ajax Patent Blasted Cement and Fairy Panties Mfg. Corporation, Ltd.* (ex parte Mrs. Burpwaite) in the High Court, Mr. Howl, K.C., described his client, the chairman of the defendant company, as a dribbling paranoiac, a hydrocephalic cretin, a gibbering gaby, a Freudian moon-calf, a lob-dotterel, a congenital ninnyhammer, and a furry-eared guffin.

"Look at that vacant, hideous face, m'lud," cried Mr. Howl, "and ask yourself if such a creature could possibly have conceived any coherent plan whatsoever."

Mr. Justice Cheese: An evil face, Mr. Howl, compounded equally of idiot malignity and low cunning. What is he paying you?

Mr. Howl (shuddering): Five hundred, the best.

The judge found for defendants, with costs.

ULYSSES.

LAMPKIN RECITAL

Splendid Performance
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It is usual to decry the musical taste of the British, especially those of us in the Colonies. In fact, one visiting artist refused to play in Singapore because he considered the inhabitants of that city were Philistines with an entire lack of appreciation of the finer parts of music.

One would find it hard to say the same thing of last night's audience who were treated to a most sympathetic and brilliant performance at the King's Theatre by Josef Lampkin, the noted violinist.

Mr. Lampkin arrived in Hong Kong with a reputation, which he most competently justified, if not added to, last night, and it seems a pity that such a wonderful artiste should have only one opportunity of showing his talents in the Colony.

To many in the audience, perhaps, Mr. Lampkin's choice of renderings was perhaps not too well-known, the names of de Falla and Paganini being the only ones familiar to most, but any lack of familiarity with the music was more than compensated for by his delightful rendering, especially of Vieuxtemps' Concerto in D Minor. The tone of his playing was powerful but sweet and he emphasised all the essential characteristics of style, proving himself a master of all the bowing "coups" and other "tricks" of the master violinist and he combined sound and sense in a most amicable relationship.

Mr. Lampkin had all the points which distinguish interpretation from mere performance and his innate musicianship sent one away from the theatre with the realisation that one had been privileged to listen to a genuine artiste.

He chose the following programme:—

Chaconne (Vitali)
Concerto in D Minor (Vieuxtemps)
Andante—Adagio Religioso
Finale—Marziale
Nigun (E. Bloch)
Hora Staccato (Dinicu-Heifetz)
Satyr and Dyrads (Zsolt)
The Wind (Vecsey)
Dance Espagnole (De Falla-Kreisler)
Moto Perpetuo (Paganini)

SUIYUAN AFFAIRS Chiang Kai-shek Calls Conference

Shanghai, To-day. Semi-official reports state that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will shortly summon a military conference at Fenghua to discuss Suiyuan-Mongolian affairs. Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Shih-shan, General Fu Tso-yi, Governor of Suiyuan, Prince Sha, Chairman of the Mongolian Affairs Commission at Suiyuan, and General Chu Chao-liang, Governor of Kansu, will attend.—Our Own Correspondent.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Caldecott are to attend the charity ball being held under the auspices of the H.K.S.P.C. (Women's Auxiliary) at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow at 9.30 p.m. Guests are requested to bring their tickets with them.

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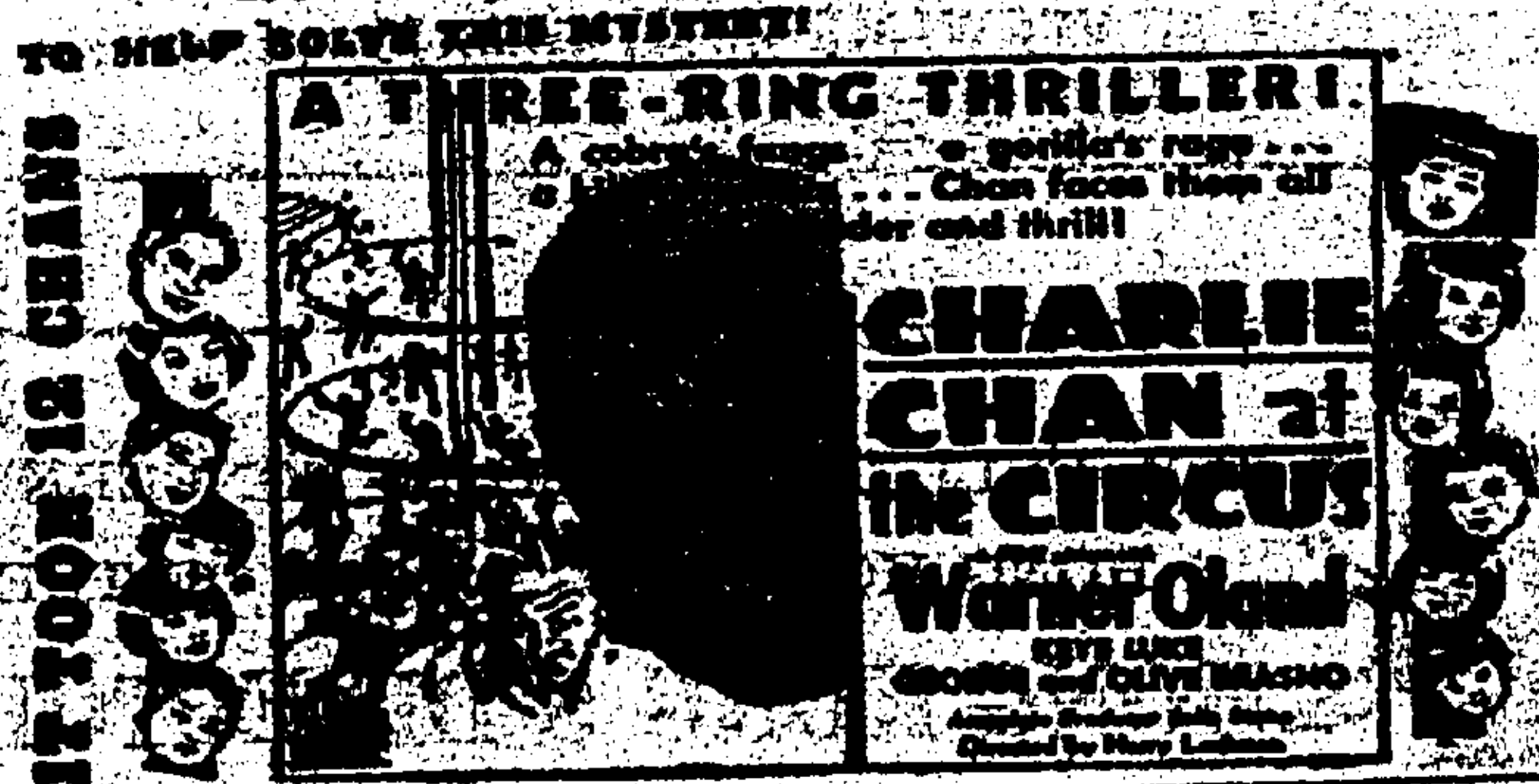
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Taxicab Strike In Amsterdam

Amsterdam, To-day.

Walking was the order of the day on Wednesday in Amsterdam when over 600 taxi-cab drivers went on strike for an increase in wages.

Only a few isolated cabs, driven by owners, appeared on the streets.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW FRENCH AIR SERVICE

South American
Route

Paris, To-day.

Details of the new French air service to South America, which is at present in the course of organisation, were revealed yesterday by the general manager of Air France.

The planes which will be used on the new route, he stated, would have an average speed of 300 kilometres an hour, a cruising range of 4,500 kilometres and a carrying capacity of 1,000 kilograms. From four to six passengers will be carried.

He also declared that when the service is in regular operation, two flights in each direction will be made every week.—Trans-Ocean.

ANTI-GERMAN DEMONSTRATIONS BY POLISH

Incidents At Graudenz
In Prussia

Berlin, To-day.

Anti-German demonstrations occurred yesterday in Graudenz, in Prussia, the outbreak occurring among the large Polish population of the area.

The German Ambassador in Warsaw, Herr von Moltke, has been instructed to draw the attention of the Polish Government to the affair.

The demonstrations took the form of agitation for return of the area to Poland, and has already had repercussions in the German press.

The German "Diplomatic Correspondence" says that the appeasement striven for and achieved by the 10-year pact between Germany and Poland must not be arbitrarily disrupted.—Trans-Ocean.

UPWARD TREND IN PRICE

Control Commission
In Poland

Warsaw, To-day.

In an attempt to combat the upward trend of prices, the Polish Council of Ministers has introduced a series of significant measures.

These include total restriction of grain exports, reduction in tariffs on a number of foodstuffs and removal of the tariff on zinc and lead.

The Council further decided to form a price regulating commission, which will have plenary powers for supervision and regulation of prices.—Trans-Ocean.

THE POST OFFICE EXPANSION

London, To-day.

The building programme of the Post Office this year will involve expenditure of £2,000,000.—British Wireless.

SWISS AND ITALIAN CONQUEST

De Jure Recognition
Announced

REPORT EXPLAINS

Berne, To-day.

Full explanation of the reasons lying behind the de jure recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia by Switzerland is contained in the annual report of the Federal Political Department issued yesterday.

Lowering the status of the Swiss representative in Addis Ababa to that of Consul, the report states, was a necessary step since only by this means could protection of Swiss nationals and interests in Abyssinia be effected.

The majority of the great Powers had tacitly recognised Italian sovereignty by converting the Legations at Addis Ababa into Consulates.

Although these Governments stressed that conversion of the Legations into Consulates should not be regarded as de jure recognition of the Italian regime in Abyssinia, the Swiss Federal Council considered that non-recognition of Italian sovereignty would merely complicate the situation.—Trans-Ocean.

MONEY-LENDING CASE FAILS

Government Servants
Protected

"The law says that government servants earning a salary up to \$200 a month must be protected," Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge, pointed out to Gaumand Singh, attorney for Amrik Singh, money-lender, who claimed \$146 from two public servants, Leung Yun-cheung and Seik Pee-cheung, at the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan, for defendants, said the debt and interest had already been paid to plaintiff. It was disclosed that Leung Yun-cheung signed a promissory note for \$100, whereas he actually received \$45. Leung said he wanted a loan of \$50, but, according to the common practice, he had to sign for double the amount, besides paying \$5 as commission on the amount loaned. He paid plaintiff \$5 a month for 15 months. At the time he borrowed the money he was earning less than \$200 a month.

At this stage, Gaumand Singh applied for an adjournment stating that he knew nothing of the facts as plaintiff left for India a month ago and will not return for at least eight months. Mr. Kwan pointed out that plaintiff had no legal claim.

Judgment was awarded defendants.

THE SCRAP METAL RACKET

Chui Kai was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. H. Williams this morning for stealing the brass fittings of water tanks from different addresses in the Central District.

Detective-Sergeant Mottram said the value of the brass was a few dollars but the replacement would cost about \$40, in addition to the inconvenience caused by the supply of water being cut off.

Dance Music From H.K. Hotel Roof Garden

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—The London Symphony Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—A Pianoforte Recital by Eileen Joyce.
1.57 p.m.—Terence Casey at the Cinema Organ.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5-5.30 p.m.—European Programme.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Roof-Garden.
6 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Children's Concert.
6.30 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.
"Gipsy Love"—Selection (Lehar).
In the Night (Tate).
Under the Roofs of Paris (Moretti).
First Waltzes—Potpourri (Robrecht).
"Les Cloches de Corneville" (Planquette).
When the great red dawn is shining (Sharpe).
6.55 p.m.—Songs by Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Norman Allin (Bass), with Pablo Casals (Violoncello).
Tenor Solos—
I love thee (David & Grieg),

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. 845 k.c's : : : ZEK 640 k.c's.

Still as the night (Morgan & Bohm).
'Cello Solo—
Moment Musical (Schubert).
Bass Solos—
True till death (Scott Gatty).
The Midnight Review (Glinka & Newmarch).
'Cello Solo—Après un Reve (Faure).
Tenor Solo—
Come back to Sorrento (Aveling and De Curtis).
Bass Solo—
A West Country Courting (O'Reilly and Sanderson).
'Cello Solo—
Vito (Spanish Dance), Op. 54, No. 5 (Popper).
Tenor Solo—
By the dark lagoon (Baddeley & Leigh).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano with The Mills Brothers.
The Mills Brothers—
Sweet Lucy Brown.
Piano Solo—
Charlie Kunz. Piano Medley No. R. 2.

The Mills Brothers—
'Long about midnight, Swing is the thing.
Piano Solo—
Piano Medley No. R. 16—
Charlie Kunz.
The Mills Brothers—
Rhythm saved the world.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Chinese Concert.
11 p.m.—Close down.
8.05-11 p.m.—European programme from Z.E.K., on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—Symphony No. 7 in C Major (Schubert), played by The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Adrian Boult.
1st Movement—
Andante (Part I).
Allegro ma non troppo (Part II).
2nd Movement—Andante con moto.
3rd Movement—
Scherzo (Allegro vivace) & Trio.
Trio & Scherzo (Allegro vivace).
4th Movement—
Finale—Allegro vivace.
8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.15 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
"The Beggar's Opera"—Selection (Gay—Austin).
Songs of Scotland (arr. Duthoit).
9.30 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—
Das ist die Liebe der Matrosen, The Melody Gents.
Instrumental—
The Boosbeck Long Sword Dance

Schubert By
B.B.C. Symphony
Orchestra
(Lass O' Dallogill).
George Tremain (Melodeon).
Vocal—
Stompin' at the Savoy, Judy Garland (13 years old).
All my life... Leslie Hutchinson.
Instrumental—
Le Regiment qui passe, Mario Maccaferri (Guitar).
Vocal—
Don't you ever fall in love, Rags.
Aileen Stanley (Comedienne).
Organ Solos—
Second Serenade (Heykens), In a Monastery Garden (Ketelbey)... Reginald Foort.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Yours truly is truly yours.
Comedy One-Step—
Fancy meeting you.
Six-Eight—Andalusia.
Comedy Waltz—
I'm Popeye, the Sailor man.
Fox-Trot—
There's a new world, O.K. for sound.
When I'm with you, But definitely.
Twelfth Street Rag, Awful sad.
Cuban Dance—La Comparsa, Rumba—Bellita.
Fox-Trot—
A little Robin told me so, Never gonna dance.
Quickstep—Diddle-dum-dee, Fox-Trot—
Goody-Goody.
Temptation Rag, Somebody stole my gal.
Waltz—Marie Louise.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Opening Suit Bids Of More Than Game

An opening bid of five spades or five hearts is a special kind of slam-try showing a hand with eleven sure winners, and no possible losers outside the trump suit. Holding S—Q J 10 9 7 6 5 3 H—A K Q. D—A K. C—none, the proper opening bid is five spades. Observe that a minor suit five bid is not a slam-try, because it is not more than is needed for game. A five diamond or five club bid is a preemptive bid.

When partner opens with a five bid in a major suit raise him once with the ace, king, or queen of trumps. Raise him twice with any two of these cards, but do not raise except on these exact trump cards.

An opening six bid in any suit, major or minor, is the same as a major suit five bid, except that it shows twelve certain winners and asks for a raise to seven with any one of the three high trump honours.

Play Lagging Behind Bidding

I am afraid that bidding standards have outstripped the average calibre of play. There has been an avalanche of hands recently brought to my attention in which two partners blamed each other for having "reached too high a contract." In almost every instance the contract should have been fulfilled by reasonably good play!

North, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S—A 9
H—A Q 8 5 3
D—A
C—A Q 9 7 6
WEST
S—4 3
H—J 7 6
D—J 10 9 8 2
C—10 4 2
EAST
S—K 5 2
H—9 4
D—K 7 6 5 3
C—K J 3
SOUTH
S—Q J 10 8 7 6
H—K 10 2
D—Q 4
C—8 5

The bidding:

| | | | |
|---------|------|----------|------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 1 heart | Pass | 1 spade | Pass |
| 3 clubs | Pass | 3 spades | Pass |

4 not r'p Pass 5 clubs Pass
5 not r'p Pass 6 spades [final bid]

A club opening lead would have made the contract hopeless, but since it was the only lead that would the hand hardly can be said to have been badly overbid. On the actual diamond jack opening it, should have been duck soup, and it is difficult to see how declarer manage to go down two tricks.

The crux of the play is to retain rigid control of the trump and diamond suits and to avoid finesse. If the first part is fulfilled dummy's heart suit will provide a discard for South's losing club.

The correct play at the second trick is dummy's nine of spades. If the king takes this a diamond return can be ruffed with the ace. Any other return also is won in dummy, the trump ace cashed, and the heart king used as entry for trump drawing.

If East plays low on the spade nine declarer must overtake, of course, and, if he holds the trick, ruff his diamond queen with the spade ace. Then the safest plan is to lead the ace of hearts and a low heart to the king, thus guard against the chance that East may have started with four trumps to the king, in which event if he also had started with a doubleton heart [and were allowed to retain one] he could take his trump king on the second round of the suit and lock the play in the dummy by returning a heart.

The only difficulty about this hand is psychological. Players are not accustomed to playing a trump suit in the manner prescribed, but there is no reason why careful analysis should not be able to offset habit.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: If declarer leads from his own hand and immediately plays a card from dummy, without waiting for his left hand opponent to play, may the right hand opponent play before his partner without penalty?

Answer: Yes.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE CENTRAL—"Charlie Chan at the Race Track"—with Warner Oland, Keye Luke, Helen Wood, Thomas Beck and Gavin Muir. Another typical Chan mystery, but one of the best.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Girl on the Front Page"—with Edmund Lowe, Reginald Owen, Gloria Stuart and David Oliver. A society girl fails to impress her editor. The quarrel produces amusing situations and grand dialogue.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Bulldog Drummond Escapes"—Two hours after the famous sleuth lands in England, he finds himself fighting for the life of a beautiful girl and tracking down a desperate gang of swindlers. Starring Ray Milland, Sir Guy Standing, Heather Angel, Porter Hall, Reginald Denny and E. E. Clive.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Good Fairy", with Margaret Sullivan and Herbert Marshall. The story of an usherette who after seeing a show conceives the idea to be a good fairy in spite of the fact that she has no money and means to make good any promises.

AT THE STAR—"My Man Godfrey", with Carole Lombard and William Powell. A brilliant modern romantic comedy in which Powell has the part of a butler and Carole Lombard, the headstrong daughter of the household.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"The Luckiest Girl in the World", with Jane

Wyatt, Louis Hayward, Nat Pendleton, Eugene Pallette and Philip Reed. A hilarious comedy in which the daughter of a society family, sets out to New York to prove that she can live on an income equal to that of her boy-friend. The funny situations which arise in the city make the film one of the outstanding comedies of the year.

AT THE KING'S—"Give Me Your Heart", with Kay Francis, George Brent, Roland Young, Patric Knowles and Henry Stephenson. A picture in which Kay Francis reaches the triumphant climax of her career in the magnificent role of a sophisticated woman of the world who gave up all its riches to regain and retain her child.

COMING PICTURES

"White Hunter"—with Warner Baxter and June Lang in a thrilling story of two people amid the menace of savage passions. Coming to the Queen's.

"Under Cover of Night" with Edmund Lowe, Florence Rice, Sarah Haden and Nat Pendleton. One of the most unique mystery stories to reach the screen. The story is placed in a great College with a background of science for the mysterious crimes. This is unusual and stirs the interest from the start with Love as the sleuth. The love interest is supplied by en. Florence Rice. Coming to the King's.



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PRES. BENES TRIUMPHS

Little Entente Relationships Fully Restored

Catholics Arrested, Put On Trial

BERLIN, TO-DAY.
UNDER GLARING HEADLINES THE GERMAN NEWS-PAPERS ANNOUNCE THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIAL BEFORE THE SECOND SENATE OF THE PEOPLE'S COURT OF SEVEN ROMAN CATHOLICS, INCLUDING TWO PRIESTS AND TWO PROMINENT MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

The charge against them is preparing high treason by allegedly supporting Communist plans for a united Communist-Catholic front.

The accused include Father Joseph Rossaint, head of the Catholic Youth group in Duesseldorf, Father Karl Kremer, former head of the Peace Society, Franz Steber, Reichsleader of the Catholic Youth group, and Father Jakob Clemens, secretary-general of the Catholic Young Men's Association.—Reuter.

FERRY SUNK IN COLLISION

Passengers Rescued By Liner

London, To-day.
A collision between a ferry boat running between Ireland and Scotland and a liner inward-bound from New Zealand, occurred in the Irish Sea yesterday morning in thick fog five miles off the Scottish coast.

The passengers on the ferry boat were rescued by the liner but the captain and a fireman were lost.

The boat sank in sixty fathoms of water.—Reuter.

The lives of the captain and one fireman were lost, and 351 cattle were drowned when the Lairdsmoor of the Burns and Laird Line on a night voyage from Dublin to Glasgow, collided early this morning in a fog with the Shaw Savill and Albion motor liner, Taranaki, and sank in fourteen minutes.—British Wireless.

WARSHIPS SHELL SANTANDER

Tramcar Receives A Direct Hit

Valencia, To-day.
Santander was bombarded on three separate occasions yesterday by enemy ships and the working class quarters in the eastern part of the city were hit.

One shell fell on a tram car, killing both driver and conductor.—Reuter.

Soviet Ambassador To France

Moscow, To-day.
M. Jacob Suritz, Soviet Ambassador to Germany, has been appointed Ambassador to France in place of M. Potemkin, who has been appointed assistant commissar for Foreign Affairs in Moscow.—Reuter.



Dr. Eduard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, and Madame Benes.

Yugo-Slavia Loyal To Her Former Allegiances

Belgrade, To-day.

All current international problems were exhaustively discussed by President Benes of Czechoslovakia with Yugo-Slavian statesmen during the former's visit to Belgrade, says an official communique.

THE COMMUNIQUE ADDS THAT THE DECISIONS REACHED BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE LITTLE ENTENTE AT THE RECENT CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE WERE CONFIRMED BY THE CZECH PRESIDENT AND YUGO-SLAVIAN MINISTERS.

The communique then announces that the Regent, Prince Paul, will shortly reciprocate President Benes' visit by paying an official visit to Prague.

MOVE CHECKED

President Benes of Czechoslovakia received an enthusiastic send-off when he left Belgrade at the conclusion of his mission to Yugo-Slavia.

It is considered in informed circles that he succeeded in checking the Yugo-Slav move towards the Italo-German bloc, and greatly strengthened the position of the Little Entente.—Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

YUGO-SLAVIA AND BULGARIA

Belgrade, To-day.

The customs agreement which will shortly be concluded between Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria will, according to informed quarters here, not provide for a general customs union between the two countries.

It is stated that the new agreement will merely bear the character of an economic regional pact, which will be applicable only to certain products.

The plan of a general customs union between Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria has been abandoned for the time being.—Trans-Ocean.

SIR O. NIEMEYER IN VIENNA

With Professor Henry Clay

Vienna, To-day.

Sir Otto Niemeyer, President of the Bank of International Settlements, has arrived in Vienna from Budapest accompanied by Professor Henry Clay, Professor at the Sorbonne and financial expert.

Another prominent personality in the financial world, the Turkish Minister of Finance, Bay Fuat Agrali, is also in Vienna for a short visit.—Trans-Ocean.

LADY HOUSTON'S ESTATE

London, To-day.

Lady Houston, who died last December, left estate valued at £1,528,083. Estate duty amounting to £690,921 has been paid. Her husband left her a fortune exceeding £5,000,000.—British Wireless.

BACK TO THE WALL PLEA ON BASQUE FRONT

DEFENDERS SUFFER HEAVY ATTACKS BY GERMAN PLANES

St. Jean de Luz, To-day.

Yesterday's insurgent attack on the Basque front was the strongest yet launched, according to the Basque defenders, who declare that thirty German bombing planes continually rained high explosive on their lines but that the Basque militia held on grimly, meeting the attackers with machine-gun fire and hand grenades.

Insurgent radio bulletins claim the capture of Urquiola Pass, between Ochandiano and Durando, but an official Basque communique denies this.

Senor Aguirre, President of the Basque Republic, broadcast a dramatic back to the wall appeal to the Basque people yesterday, urging them to hold out against the invader at this critical juncture and assuring them that though hard pressed they would win in the end.

He added that though the enemy had at present superiority in the air, the Basques would soon have enough planes to repel them.—Reuter.

Britain's Arms Plan

PURCHASES IN GERMANY

London, To-day.

The British War Office has made purchases in Germany amounting to £62,000 in the new rearmament programme.

So declared the Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, in the House of Commons yesterday.

In addition to this, Sir Thomas revealed, orders to the value of £178,000 had been placed in Germany in connexion with the erection of new armament factories.

Most of the orders, he added, were for specialised machinery or such machines as could not be delivered within a prescribed period by British manufacturers.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW MOSCOW TRIAL

YAGODA TO APPEAR IN 3 WEEKS

Moscow, To-day.

G. G. Yagoda, recently deposed Commissar for Communications, will be brought up for trial in about three weeks time.

Fourteen other political prisoners, all high ranking G.P.U. officials, are included in the indictment and the stage seems set for another sensational "Moscow trial."

There is an ironic touch to the coming trial in that one of the prisoners, named Petersen, was the former State Executioner. It was Petersen who supervised the execution of the last batch of condemned men at the recent mass trial.—Trans-Ocean.

SPANISH COINS BARRED

Gibraltar Decree

Gibraltar, To-day.

What amounts to virtual elimination of Spanish coinage as legal tender in Gibraltar is decreed by Government.

The decree states that as from June 1 this year only British banknotes and coins will constitute valid currency in Gibraltar.—Trans-Ocean.

R. A. F. PUNITIVE BOMBING RAIDS: NORTH-WEST FRONTIER

HOSTILE TRIBES STILL ACTIVE

Bannu, To-day.

Bombing of the Shakt Valley on the North-West Frontier, as threatened by the Government of India, was begun by Royal Air Force planes yesterday in order to bring the disaffected tribesmen in the district to their senses.

Flying low, the planes dropped many bombs, the effect of which is not known as the territory is inaccessible.

Meanwhile, further tribal outrages occurred yesterday when three Hindus and a Sikh were kidnapped from a motor lorry at Knot-kwa junction, three miles from Ragmak.

This latest outrage brings the total number of Hindus and Sikhs kidnapped up to 14.

Government has forbidden anyone to enter the territory beyond Kurrangari, five miles west of Bannu, without permission.—Reuter.

SANGUINARY CLASHES

London, To-day.

Following the declaration by the Government of India outlawing the Schaktu Valley in Waziristan, a start was made in carrying out a systematic air bombardment of the district by Royal Air Force planes yesterday.

Further clashes of a sanguinary character have been occurring in the disaffected areas.

Lorries conveying Hindus and Sikhs have been fired on and the men kidnapped.

The rebels have been very careful not to molest Mohammedans.—Trans-Ocean.

THE KING'S CIVIL LIST

London, To-day.

The first meeting of the Select Committee on the Civil List, postponed from before Easter, will be held to-day.—British Wireless.

HER JOINTS SQUEAKED LIKE NEW SHOES

Swollen With Rheumatism At Thirty

She had begun to feel like an old woman—yet she was only thirty. Her joints sounded like squeaking shoes; her hands and ankles were badly swollen. Then she started taking Kruschen Salts. Read what she says after six months:—

"I am 30 and suffered from rheumatoid arthritis. My hands and ankles used to be awfully swollen, and my knee joints sounded like squeaking shoes when I went upstairs. I was beginning to feel an old woman. After spending pounds on different remedies, I tried Kruschen Salts. I take it as directed, in a tumbler of hot water. My hands and feet are normal after six months of Kruschen, and I feel different in every way."—(Mrs.) M.

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MAKING AN A.1 NATION

Government's Scheme Approved

London, To-day.

The second reading of the Physical Training and Recreation Bill designed to give effect to the Government's scheme for improving the health and physique of the nation was moved in the Commons yesterday by the minister for Education, who claimed that both the object and the details of the scheme had met with general approval.

Mr. Lee Smith, for the Labour Party, expressed the fear that the scheme was directed too much towards meeting the needs of the black-coated workers, and neglected the requirements of workers in factories and mines, and for the Liberals, Sir Francis Acland emphasised the vital importance of a parallel campaign for better nutrition. Both speakers, however, gave qualified support to the measure.—British Wireless.

JAPAN'S NAVAL DECISION

Mr. Eden And London Treaty

London, To-day.

After informing the Commons at question time that the Japanese Government had declined, on March 27th, to accept the fourteen-inch gun limitation for future capital ships, Mr. Anthony Eden was asked if it might be assumed that the London Naval Treaty was worthless.

He replied that he would not at all assume that.

The Foreign Secretary also stated that there was no intention at present on the part of the British Government to move for a revision of the treaty.—British Wireless.

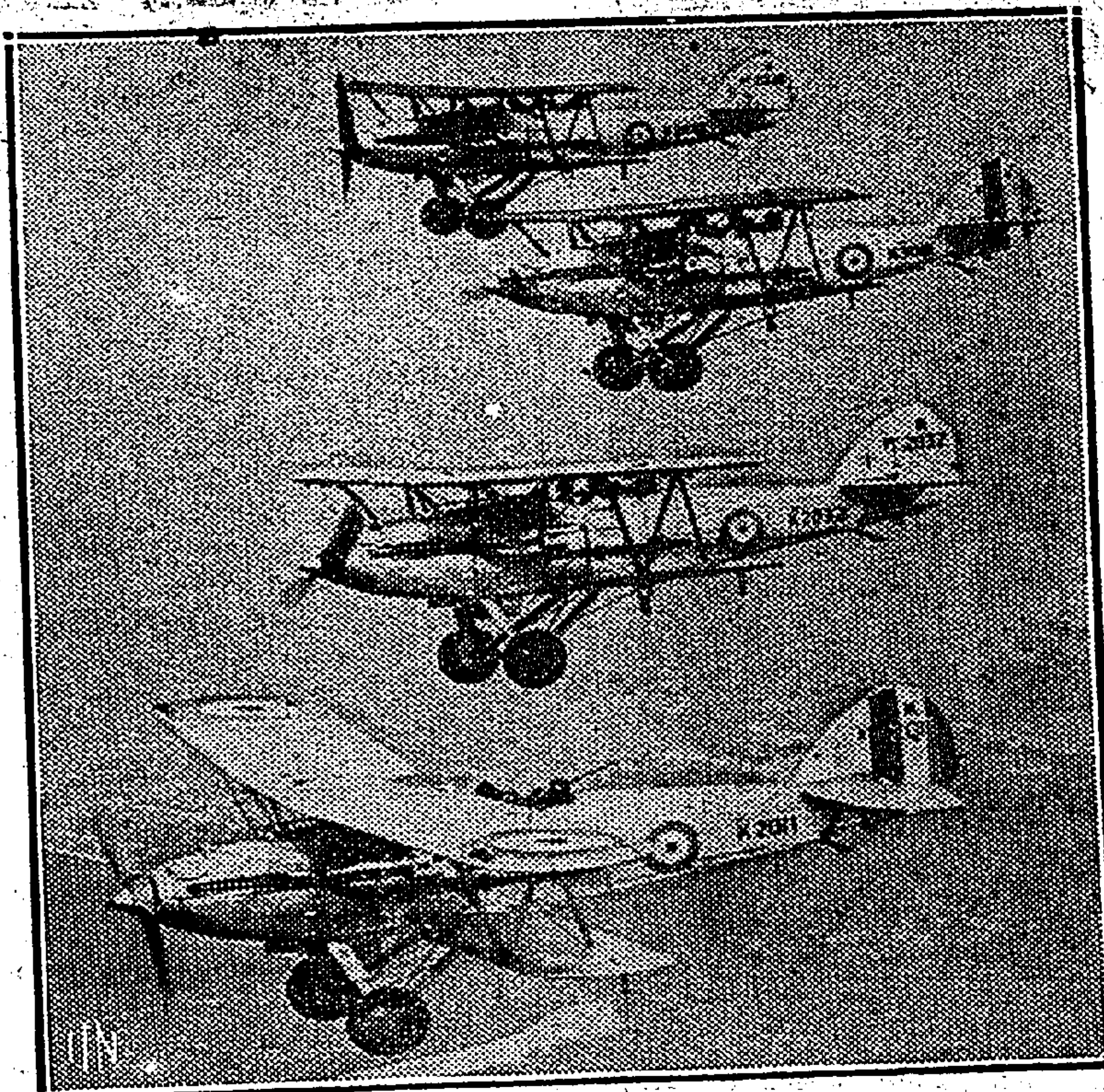
SALARY FOR LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Labour Party Agrees In Principle

London, To-day.

The Parliamentary Labour Party has agreed, in principle, that the Leader of the Opposition should accept a salary under the Ministers' Salary Bill and that his constitutional position in the State be recognised.

The Party did not commit itself, however, to the amount of remuneration to be paid.—Reuter.



A flight of R.A.F. machines ready for action.

Prince Friedrich To Attend Coronation

Berlin, To-day.

Prince Friedrich, youngest son of the Crown Prince of Germany, and godson of King George the Fifth, has been invited to attend the Coronation of King George VI.—Reuter.

PROSPERITY IN COAL INDUSTRY

Official Figures

London, To-day.

The coal industry is beginning to enjoy its share of the prosperity which returned sooner to other industries.

It is calculated that the wages paid to miners in 1936 totalled £94,190,149 as compared with £85,284,004 in the previous year.—British Wireless.

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This unusual copper-toned costume worn by Patricia Ellis, screen actress, is styled on princess lines. The panels, which are draped around the neck and trail to the floor, may be wound around the arms and used as scarves.

Some New Screens

Screens need not always be tall enough to stand on the floor. Even the folding screen is sometimes convenient to stand on a little table, and screen the eyes from glare. In the screen, woolwork is finding a new opening. Nothing has a better surface for a display of colour, especially in the bright tones which are available to-day. Designs are chosen which admit of bright colouring. Besides flowers, there are fish, shells, birds, all of them having the definite forms which make for concentration of the colouring. In the middle of the screen there is a patch of bright colour. The rest is background, often black.

A small screen with three wings can be made in woolwork with fish or flower designs forming more or less of a circle. Very artificial colours are chosen, since these used together produce the most striking effects. There are all the blue-greens of bright tones, the magentas, petunia pinks, and so forth. The colours can be tried on a piece of black material to see their effect. Anything aquarium-like is chosen, and then come rows of solid black woolwork background. The effect is good. It should be noted that, seen from distance, woolwork done one way only is more vivid in effect. For the screen which may be near the eyes it is better to work the background with a cross-stitch.

If A Cough Keeps You Awake

RESPIROIDS

No need to lie awake half the night with a tickle in the throat. If you have a bottle of these pleasant-tasting lozenges by your bedside. The soothing essences with which the saliva becomes charged whilst a lozenge dissolves slowly in the mouth, flow gently down the throat and rapidly stop your cough. Respiroids are equally good for sore throat and bronchial troubles. From all chemists.

PRESENTS FOR SMALL CHILDREN

CHILDREN between two and three have a great deal of active interest in everything around them. Their gross bodily development is good, normally they can walk and jump and run with a fair degree of safety.

Their motor co-ordination is still rather crude—they need large, strong materials, not delicate, intricate ones. Especially they need opportunities for the use of their creative imagination.

Such materials as sand, water, Plasticine, bricks, crayons, pencils and paper should be available in every household where there is a three-year-old. If this is not so, some of these make a very acceptable present, for they give the child opportunity to express himself in a creative way. The value of such "raw materials" cannot be too strongly emphasised.

THREE TO FOUR YEARS

From three to four the child has

gained greatly in muscular power, and has greater strength and more energy. His motor co-ordination is more accurate, and finer movements can be achieved. He will be less clumsy and less destructive in the use of materials.

He will enjoy simple wooden puzzles, coloured mosaics and matching games. He will also make good use of a wooden lorry or wheel-barrow or a tricycle. Dolls and Noah's Arks and trains go without saying. But these should be durable and not too elaborate.

FOUR TO SIX

From four to six many of these materials mentioned above will still be acceptable, because the child will use them in a different way. His activities will tend to be more creative, constructive and dramatic. He will create garages out of bricks, castles out of sand, men out of Plasticine. Paint and

scissors can now be added to the list of materials with which he can construct things.

A carpentry set will be much appreciated. Books will also be much enjoyed — from just "picture books" the five-year-old will graduate to simple story books which mother and he can read together.

STRIPES ARE HARD LINES ON PLUMP

BAD news for plump women comes from Paris. Stripes dominate this season's fashions.

All the big houses are showing gaily-striped dress. They are broad stripes in all the colours of the rainbow—and they go round the middle as well as up and down.

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TRADE PEACE HOPES RISE

Dr. Schacht's Visit To Belgium

GERMANY IMPRESSED BY SPEECH OF MR. CORDELL HULL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

That important developments in the economic sphere can be expected within the next few months seems to be the general impression in financial quarters in Berlin.

THIS OPINION HAS BEEN FORMED AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSION OF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BRUSSELS OF DR. HJALMAR SCHACHT, PRESIDENT OF THE REICHSBANK.

THE VISIT IS ATTRACTING MUCH ATTENTION IN THE EUROPEAN PRESS, ESPECIALLY AS IT FOLLOWS THE PLEA OF THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, THE MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES OF THE OSLO TRADE CONVENTION, AND THE ANGLO-FRENCH ECONOMIC APPROACH TO BELGIUM.

It is pointed out in Berlin, however, that Dr. Schacht has no well-defined programme and that his visit to Brussels, where he will confer with the Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland, and a number of prominent Belgian financiers and industrialists, is of a purely general nature.

MR. CORDELL HULL'S PLEA

At the same time, it is hinted that Dr. Schacht was much impressed by Mr. Cordell Hull's plea, and is of the opinion that it is time common sense was introduced into international trade relations and that protectionism should go.

Germany regards Mr. Cordell Hull's statement as being worthy of very serious consideration.

Dr. Schacht is expected to arrive in Brussels after the next session of the Bank of International Settlements, which is scheduled to take place in Basle on April 12.

SUPPORT PROMISED

Germany, it is stated, will support in every way possible the investigation by the Belgian Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland, of the possibilities of reducing international trade barriers.

The proposal of an international conference to discuss the question is regarded in Berlin with some scepticism, however, in view of former fruitless attempts of this nature, although it is admitted that the frank opinions of the leading economic experts could at least shed new light on the complicated situation.

GERMANY'S SITUATION

Germany's individual situation as regards international trade is extremely unfavourable and any conference to bring about trade adjustment must take this into consideration.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" asserts that an international conference could improve the economic situation only if it penetrated to the roots of the evil, which lie in the lack of monetary stabilisation, failure throughout the year to adjust the War Debts problem, refusal of nations to bring about a more equal distribution of raw materials and no settlement of the colonial question.—Trans-Ocean.

M. STAUNING IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary to-day entertained at luncheon, the Prime

Sugar's Free Market

London, To-day.

The bureau of the International Sugar Conference yesterday agreed to submit for the conference's approval figures of 3,170,000 metric tons for three crop year 1936-1937 as recommended by the statistical experts committee to meet the needs of the "free market."

The needs in question are those which are not met by production of colonies enjoying preferential treatment.

The figure decided by the bureau is 80,000 tons below the needs of the free market as estimated by the International Sugar Committee in March, namely, 3,250,000 metric tons.

The Conference will now decide how this diminished amount shall be allocated to the countries represented on the conference.

Dr. Colijn, the Netherlands Premier, and delegate to the Conference, left for Holland yesterday evening.—Reuter.

BRITISH PRICES INCREASE

Board Of Trade Index Revelation

London, To-day.

The Board of Trade index of wholesale prices in March shows largest recorded increase for any month since the upward movement began in June 1936. The index was 3.3 per cent. higher than in February.—British Wireless.

Minister of Denmark, Monsieur Stauning.

The company included the Lord President of the Council, Mr. MacDonald, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Morrison, the Liberal Leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, and the former Labour Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes.—British Wireless.

STRIKE BATTLE IN AMERICA

SIT-DOWNERS BADLY BEATEN UP

Hershey (Pennsylvania), To-day.

A mob of over 100 men, calling themselves "loyal workers," took the law into their own hands and forcibly ejected the sit-down strikers who for five days have occupied the Hershey Chocolate Company's factory.

WOMEN WORKERS ESCAPING FROM THE FACTORY WERE MADE TO RUN THE GAUNTLET PAST MEN ARMED WITH CLUBS AND BOTTLES.

FIFTY MEN, SOME CUT AND BLEEDING FROM THE AFFRAY, WERE PARADED AS PRISONERS BY THE TRIUMPHANT RIOTERS THROUGH HOOTING CROWDS.

Twenty-five were injured in the fighting, in which farmers, whom the strike deprived of a valuable market, joined.

Meantime, in Washington, the Senate, by 75 votes to 5, was yesterday passing a resolution condemning the sit-down strikes as illegal and contrary to public policy.

EMPLOYERS CRITICISED

Introduced by the Democratic leader, Senator Robinson, the resolution also condemns the denial by any employer of the workers' right to collective bargaining and stigmatises the industrial spy system as tending to cause strikes and industrial warfare.

The resolution has not the force of law and does not need the Presidential signature.

HUDSON STRIKE

Following settlement of the Chrysler motor strike an agreement has been reached settling the 28-day strike in the Reo Motor Car Company which had rendered 2,200 workers idle, says a message from Lansing, Michigan.

The only major strike still unsettled is the walk-out in the Hudson Motor Car Company in Detroit, in which 10,000 workers are affected.

Mr. Homer Martin, President of United Automobile Workers, said yesterday that the Union had presented no demands to the Ford Company nor had it threatened to call sit-down strikes in Ford plants.

Mr. Martin thereby dispelled rumours that the United Automobile

Workers was planning an intensive drive against the Ford company.—Reuter.

Way (Georgia), To-day.

Mr. Henry Ford, announcing the end of the short-lived sit down strike in his assembly factory at St. Louis, stated that his company had no intention of recognising the United Automobile Workers' organisation as a bargaining agency.—Reuter.

GOVT. OFFICIAL BURGLED

Man Disturbed And Escapes

The home of Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was entered by a burglar between three and four o'clock this morning.

Entry was gained by cutting the window of the verandah door, but the intruder was disturbed by the occupants of the ground floor of the premises, No. 3, Queen's Gardens, and he left hurriedly without stealing anything.

Moscow Fire Disaster

Moscow, To-day.

Two of the largest laboratories of the Institute for Organic Chemistry were destroyed by fire yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

Planned Economy In South China

Mr. Percy Chen, eldest son of Mr. Eugene Chen, former Foreign Minister of China, arrived in the Colony from Canton this morning to await the arrival of the new Governor of Kwangtung, General Wu Te-chen.

Mr. Chen is in South China for consultation with the Reconstruction authorities in Kwangtung on economic and industrial matters. He will return to Canton early next week, to continue his investigation tour of the Southern Provinces. During his last visit

in January, he travelled over the East River District. He proposes to complete a survey of the North and West River areas before returning North.

Mr. Chen is an authority on Planned Economy having made exhaustive studies of this subject during his eight-year residence in Soviet Russia, during the latter part of which he was representative in the U.S.S.R. for the General Motors Corporation of the United States. In that capacity he participated in the development of the Soviet Automobile Industry.

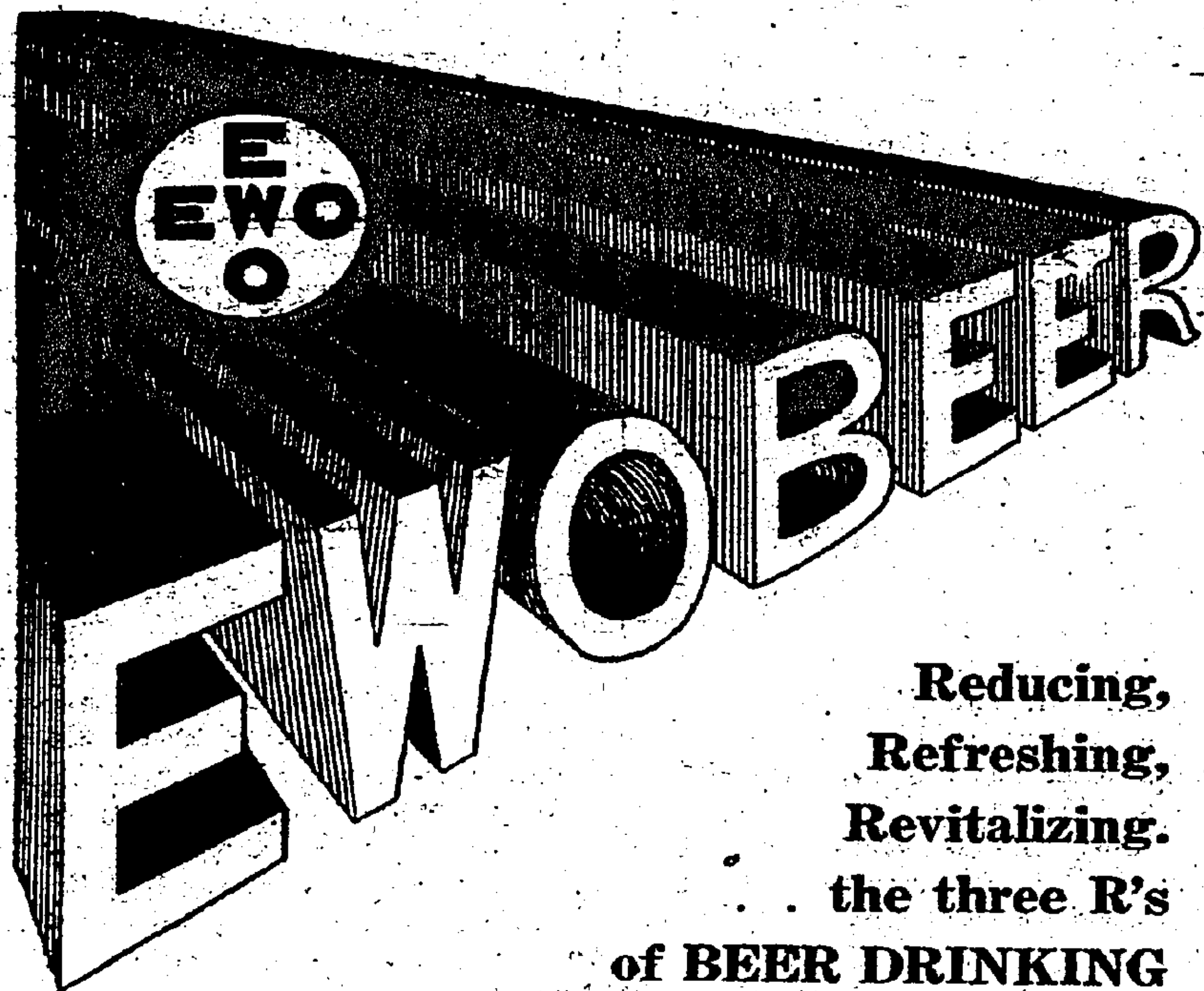
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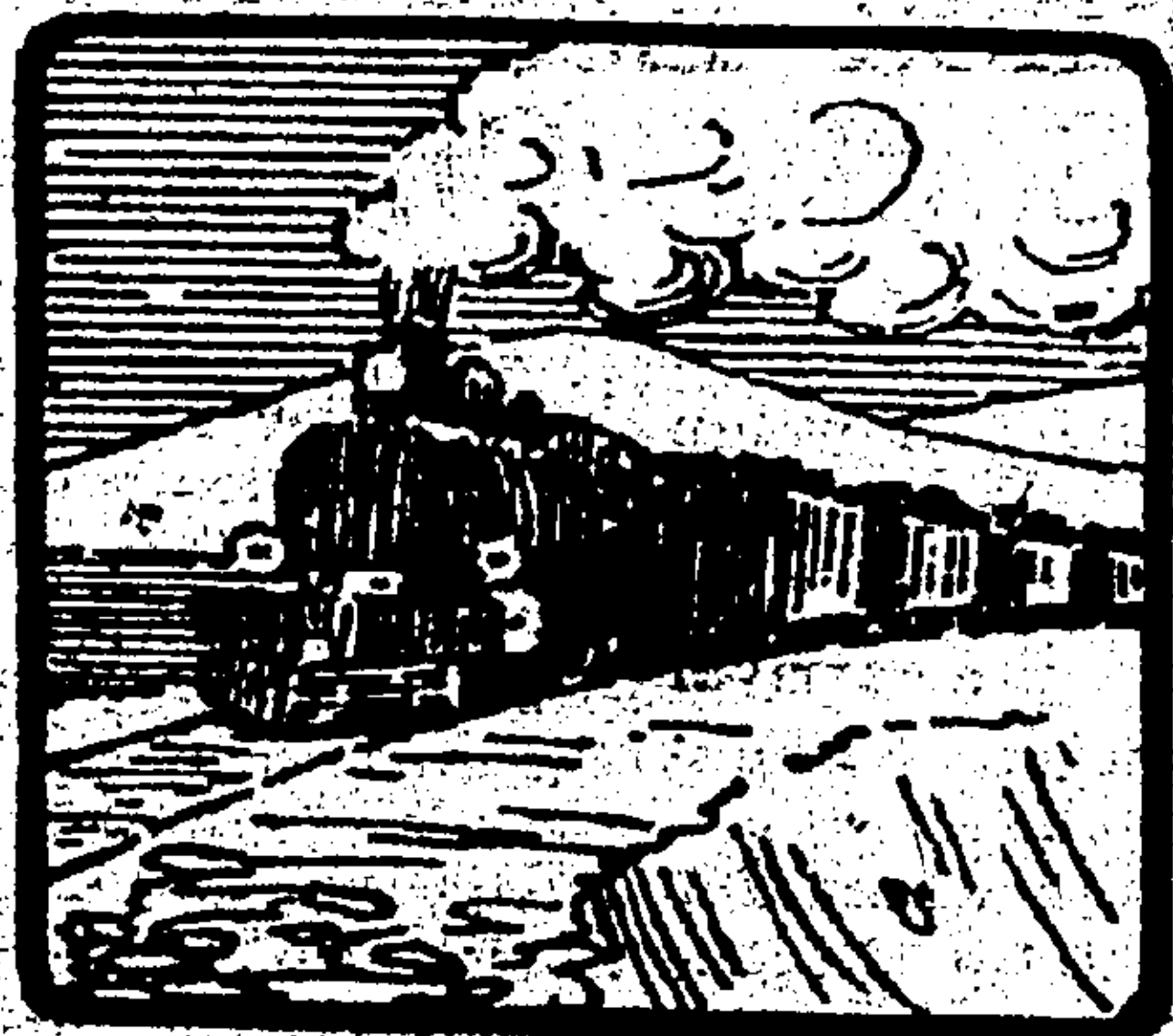
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UNEMPLOYMENT'S TWO SIDES

Sir William Beveridge, Director of the London School of Economics, shortly to become Master of University College, Oxford, has contributed valuably to true understanding of the unemployment problem in Britain by his new form of analysis. The inclination these days, when every month official figures are quoted showing a decrease in the numbers of the unemployed, is to view them benignly, believing that the trouble is moving towards a solution. Apparently it is not quite so simple nor so satisfactory as that.

In many parts of the country unemployment has reached a very low point. In Warwickshire only 4.6 per cent. of the insured population is now unemployed, in Greater London 7.5 per cent. These percentages are to be compared with the 26.1 of Cumberland, the 22.9 of Durham, the 20.1 of Lanarkshire, and the 28.1 of Glamorganshire, to say nothing of minor counties like Ross and Cromarty with 56.7 per cent. and Anglesey with 38.1. But while the depression has disappeared over large parts of the country and has been mitigated in others, unemployment presents a very different face from what it did in 1929.

Sir William Beveridge brings out the remarkable fact that in 1936, there was appreciably less short unemployment (up to six months) than there was in 1929, before the depression, but six and a half times as much long unemployment (of twelve months or more). "The legacy of the great depression is a mass of long-period unemployment—more than 350,000 men and women in insured trades and for whose case continuous money payments in idleness are a manifestly inadequate provision." This is, again, largely a matter of geography, for to this total the Southern Counties of England contribute only a trifle. In most divisions long-period unemployment has now dropped back to about the same level as 1932, but in Wales, as Sir William points out, the cloud of chronic unemployment has hardly lifted at all. Long-period unemployment is the most serious element in the present problem, forms a larger part of it than it used to do, and obviously calls to be dealt with by special methods. If much of this available labour is to be brought back into industry in the next year or two far more will have to be done in the way

of training and recuperative treatment than has yet been attempted.

Whither Europe?

The diplomatic trend in Europe to-day demands the closest study, for the signs are far from reassuring. The tendency is ever towards self-reliance and alliance and away from collective security, and that despite the supposed reason for British rearmament, the provision of more than moral support for the League's policies.

It is rightly said that there exists a nucleus of more or less democratic League members which together would be strong enough to enforce peace and law in Europe. The countries usually mentioned besides Britain, France, and Russia are Belgium, Switzerland, the Scandinavian countries, and the countries of the Little Entente, but it is folly to suppose that all these countries are to-day as ready to stand by the League as they were before Britain and France virtually betrayed them. Switzerland, who never showed any enthusiasm for collective action, is now less eager than ever. Belgium has declared for a modified form of neutrality which almost certainly is inconsistent with military sanctions against an aggressor. Of the Little Entente, Rumania without Titulescu has lost her Covenanting faith, and Yugo-Slavia, a sturdy sanctionist during the Abyssinian dispute, is now causing concern even to members of the Little Entente by her recent actions which, it is believed, have been dictated largely by a desire to recover her trade losses. To achieve this she has entered into agreements with both German and Italy and the Italian Pact, while apparently welcomed in Britain, very clearly contributes nothing to the Geneva ideal.

It may have been noted, too, that in their communications to the Committee on League Reform the Scandinavian States showed themselves most unwilling to accept any definite military obligation for the future. It is clear that these smaller States would not change their minds should France and Britain merely promise not to do it again. It will require a strong lead and possibly an extension of regional guarantees under the League to restore their confidence. On the other hand, there are signs that such a lead would be followed. Since the Abyssinian disaster no country has left the League; Belgium has not renounced her obligations under the Covenant, and the Scandinavian States are still ready to admit the obligations that exist; even the American republics have shown at the Buenos Ayres congress that they will accept no plan that might be interpreted as in any way counter to the League. Certainly there is still hope for the League—but hardly from a British Foreign Secretary who, in the course of a recent general survey of world affairs, forgot to mention it.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

ON GUARD: "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance and we have to be eternally vigilant." — Mr. Baldwin.

RATHER SLOW: "We are 10,000 years nearer to permanent peace than were the cave men 10,000 years ago." — Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

Down with the artistic ash-tray
and the trick ash-tray and all
ash-trays that aren't ash-trays

No Smoking or Else—

A fact, reform leagues overlook, the coal scuttle, or if he smoked a cigar in public, he flicked the remains into a bright cuspidor or spittoon. But now the spittoon and the cuspidor have gone the way of the wagon-yard, and in the place of them we find the ash-tray, a bastard descendant, which is to be encountered in all the better homes, whether father smokes or daughter doesn't. It is considered part of all respectable house furnishings. In the cigarette in its madcap triumph. There didn't use to be any. Pa knocked the ashes of his pipe into

and this rage took possession of the pool is the tray and is rounded out evidently for the penguin and the ladies where they were weakest—in the aesthetic spot. It was about the time that there was much talk of interior decorating and appropriate knickknacks.

The dire result is that the ash-trays of the day have been purchased by women, with the exception of a few notable receptacles which repose on office desks, and even these, for the most part, have been bought by secretaries out to lunch.

In the main, then, the lot is built on rakish lines, and they constitute one of the greatest deterrents to enjoyable smoking. Roughly, they fall, when they are not falling on the floor, in the following well defined and maddening categories:—

First, the *statuesque*. The best example of this genus is to be found in my den—or was, until I managed one day, quite unintentionally, to catch the sleeve of my smoking jacket in it. It was a work of art, and I feel the vandal for not at least mourning it. Here is how it was set up. The base was, about two and a half by four inches. From each of the four corners of it rose the protesting legs of a noble charger. On the charger was perched a knight in armour and, as if the horse's legs did not afford enough protection, the good rider's legs stuck down into stirrups and cut off approach from either side. This still left two possible entries for onyx, and bronze, and glazed chintz,

Among the main geni remain the *pristine*. These are exquisitely designed, those made of still left two possible entries for onyx, and bronze, and glazed chintz,

by Charles W. Ferguson

ashes—between the noble steed's and sapphire. They have the appearance of an unlighted candle, or legs. But, hold! The breastplate a box of store-bought candy. They flopped down like loose corset strings in front—and behind, the ingenious craftsman who moulded them the thing had managed to give a droop and at the same time a sloop to the horse's tail, so that about the only way you could deposit ashes was to stand off across the room and blow them in, or go snooping in the excitement of arriving. Then around with your head down and you see them look around and their reach under as if you were fastening the steed's bellyband.

Nor was this all. The crowning touch is that the knight, not to be outdone by the horse, stuck up erect like a club in a public riot. Hence, if you so much as reached for a cigarette in his general vicinity, he gave battle and came at you full tilt. It is true that he ended by being unhorsed, but you never got your cigarette without going over his dead body. It needs only to be added that the Christian Temperance designer who had given being to that knight of the new day had seen to it that the whole surface was polished and glazed and made so slick that a cigarette could not possibly be made to rest on any part of it: and if you stuck it unceremoniously between the legs of the horse, the compound of which the tray was made smelled like the burning of Rome.

So much for the statuesque. Examples need not be multiplied. Doubtless you have before you now one of those magnificently conceived creations where a penguin stands pensively looking into a pool; and impulse to smoke.

A Careful Study Of Moscow

MOSCOW IN THE MAKING. By Sir E. D. Simon, Lady Simon, W. A. Robson, and J. Jewkes. Longmans. Pp. xii. 253. 7s. 6d.

THIS book is worthy of the great work of Mr. and Mrs. Webb to which it owes its inspiration. It is a careful and illuminating study of the municipal government of Moscow by four people who are all expert in the problems of English local administration. It not only gives us a complete picture it also enables a judgment to be made, a comparison to be attempted, of the highest value. No student either of Russia or of local government can afford to neglect its fascinating pages.

The volume opens with a careful and instructive picture of Moscow municipal institutions by Dr. W. A. Robson. This could hardly have been better done. It is clear; it is incisive; and Dr. Robson brings out suggestively exactly the things an English student would wish to know. Professor Jewkes follows with a valuable account of Moscow industry and finance; and his very doubt of the criteria by which the adequacy of planning is to be judged gives a special value to the questions it is important to answer. Lady Simon contributes a good and solid paper on education. She at once admires and doubts. She admires the very size and energy of the experiment; she doubts the uniformity and, as she thinks, the underlying principle which subjects individual personality to a collective end. Her paper is succeeded by seven chapters, in all almost half the book, in which Sir Ernest Simon deals with housing and building, the Moscow ten-year plan, and the democracy and efficiency of the Mossoviet. His chapters are of real importance, because they are the work of a man whose own training had taught what to look for if effective judgment was to be made.

What is the upshot of it all? There are certain obvious advantages in the Moscow scheme over anything we know in this country. The first is the fact that the absence of vested interests makes possible planning on a big scale and relative swiftness of execution. The second is the ability of the system to enlist the direct civic interest of a far wider number of people really free minds.

There are, however, weaknesses revealed. The first of these is what Mr. and Mrs. Webb have well termed the disease of orthodoxy. This limits in a grave way both experiment and effective criticism. Linked with it is a wide ignorance of foreign experience where this might have supplied horizons now lacking. On the evidence here given us housing is still definitely bad; education has not yet reached the standards of a city like Manchester; and the problems of transport are still far from solved. But all this is largely to say that Mossoviet has not in twenty years surpassed the English achievement of a century. Given the conditions, that is not surprising. But, given the conditions also, it is not difficult to believe that the two big issues which confront the Soviet system are, first, to move away from the illusion which equates bigness with grandeur; and, secondly, to recognise that in ultimate things as well as in minor matters essential priorities cannot effectively be established unless the consumer is able to emphasise his will without fear of any kind. Granted all that the party has done, there is still a danger of bureaucracy if, at a certain point, criticism is made to seem uninviting. No stress can ever fully compensate for decisions which have something sacred about them; the citizen is bound to become an administrator. Mossoviet has potentialities so great, achievements so remarkable to its credit that it needs, on an ever-increasing scale, to recognise the immense reserve of power it can have when it seeks to deal with



Reports from Gibraltar indicate that beautiful Rosita Diaz (above), Spanish screen star, has been executed as a spy by a Spanish Government firing squad. Hollywood starred Miss Diaz in two Spanish-language talkies in 1934. Since then she has been engaged in film work in Europe.



The lovely Kay Francis, who stars in "Give Me Your Heart," which opens at the King's Theatre to-day. Most of the action of the film takes place in England.

MORRO CASTLE

SENTENCES ON CAPTAIN AND OFFICER QUASHED

New York, To-day.

An echo was heard in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday of the "Morro Castle" disaster when the Court unanimously reversed the decisions of the trial court.

BOMBING OF H.M.S. GALLANT

Statement In House Of Commons

London, To-day.

The First Lord of the Admiralty replying to a private notice question, told the House of Commons that reports had been received that the British destroyer, Gallant, whilst on passage yesterday between Valencia and Alicante, was twice attacked by bombing aircraft belonging to the Spanish insurgent authorities, presumably in mistake for a Spanish destroyer belonging to the Government forces.

The destroyer suffered no damage.

In accordance with the instructions which had been issued to British warships to protect themselves against attacks of this character, fire was opened upon the insurgent

The trial court had found the acting captain of the vessel, William Warms, and the chief engineer, Eben S. Abbott, guilty of negligence on the high seas, and had sentenced the officers to two years and four years, respectively.

Now the Appellate Court has set aside both verdicts and sentences.

The "Morro Castle" disaster was the worst in the United States maritime history and occurred in September, 1934, while the vessel was bound from Havana to New York with 318 passengers and a crew of 231.

The liner took fire while of Ashbury Park, New Jersey, and the toll in human lives amounted to 84 passengers and 31 crew dead and seven missing.—Reuter.

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Sir Samuel Hoare added he was not in a position to make a further statement but steps had been taken to bring the matter to the notice of the Spanish insurgent authorities.—British Wireless.

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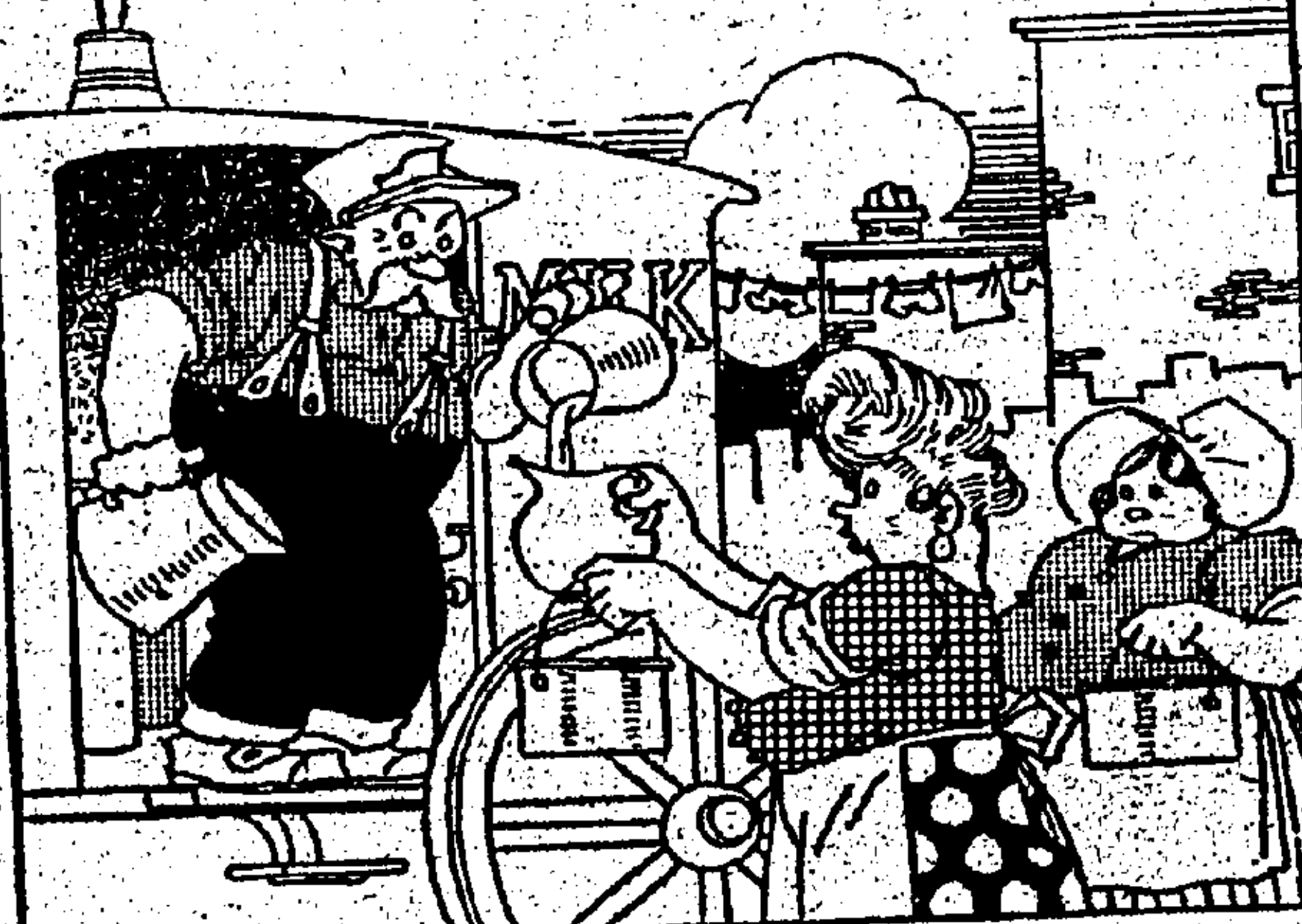
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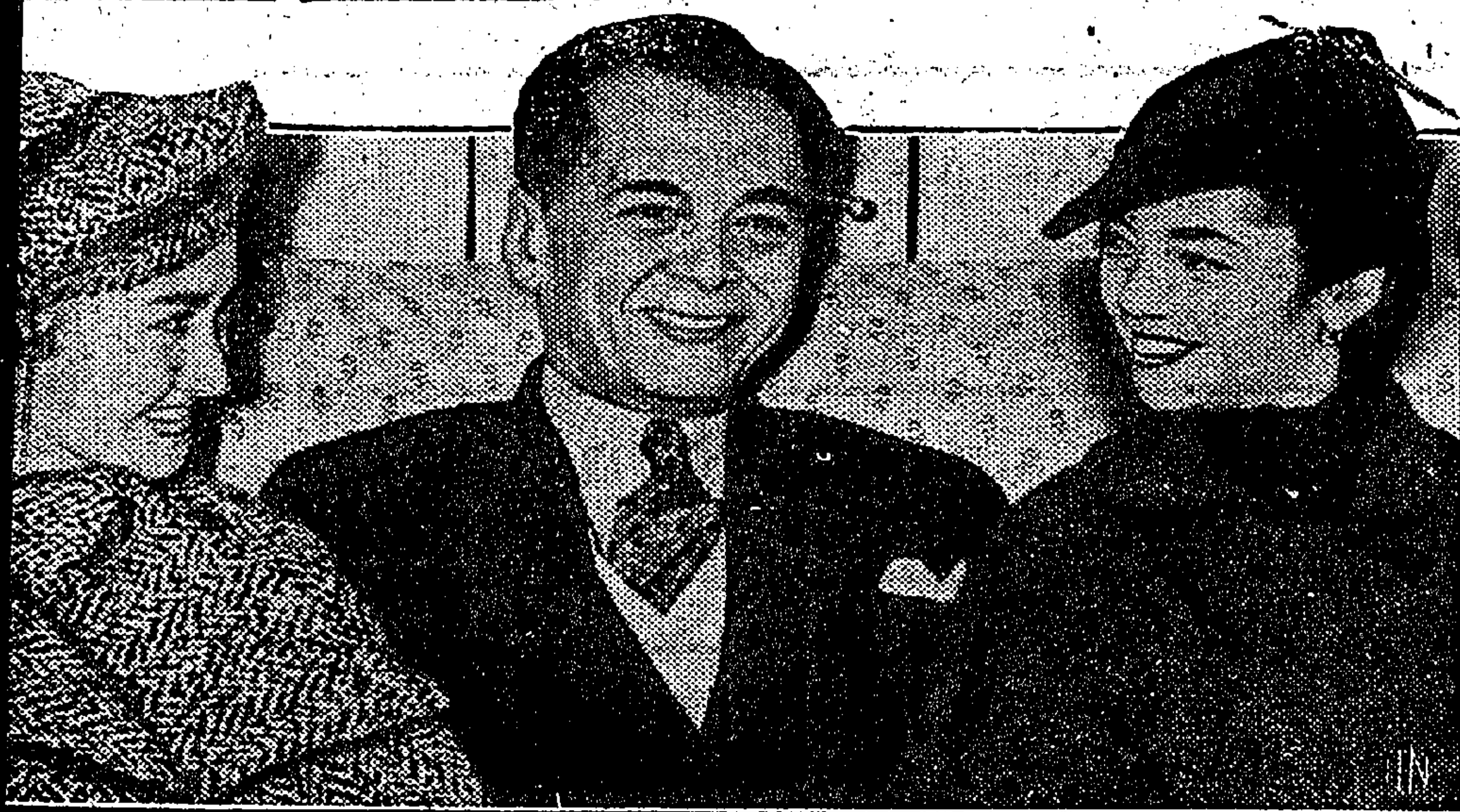
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Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippines, and his two daughters. This picture was taken recently in Washington, where President Quezon is negotiating with the United States on the important question of Philippine independence.

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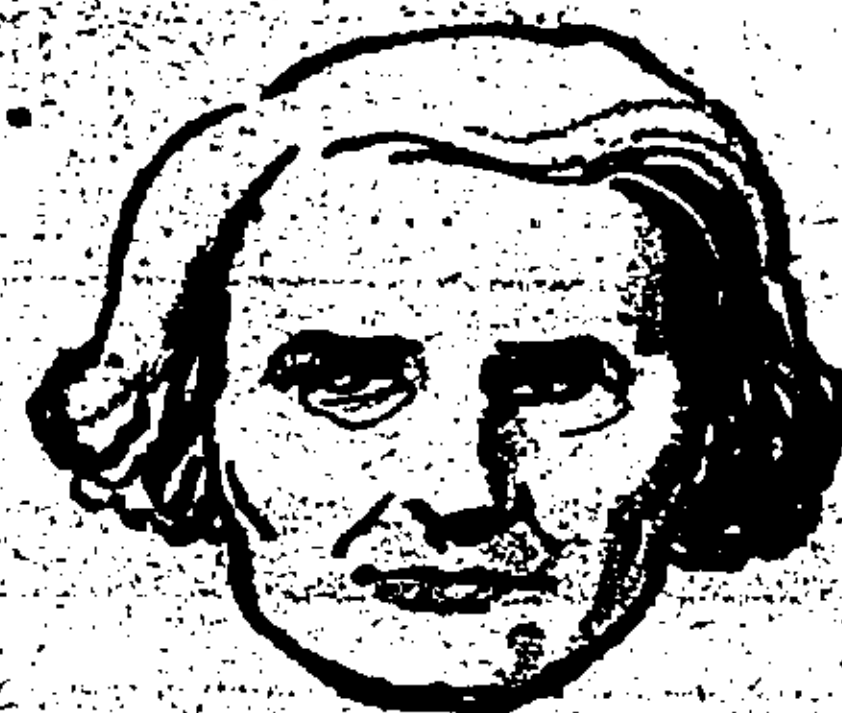
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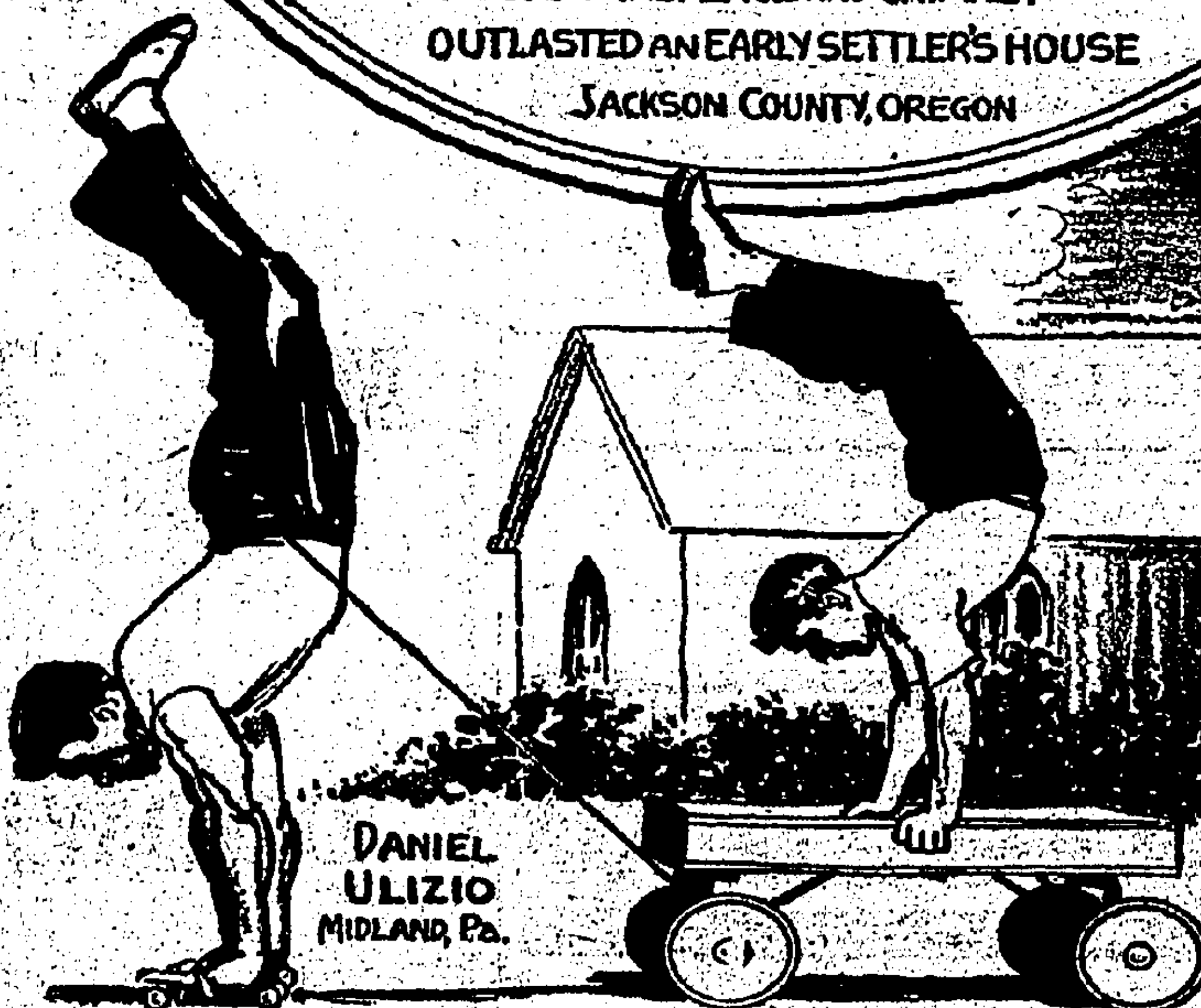
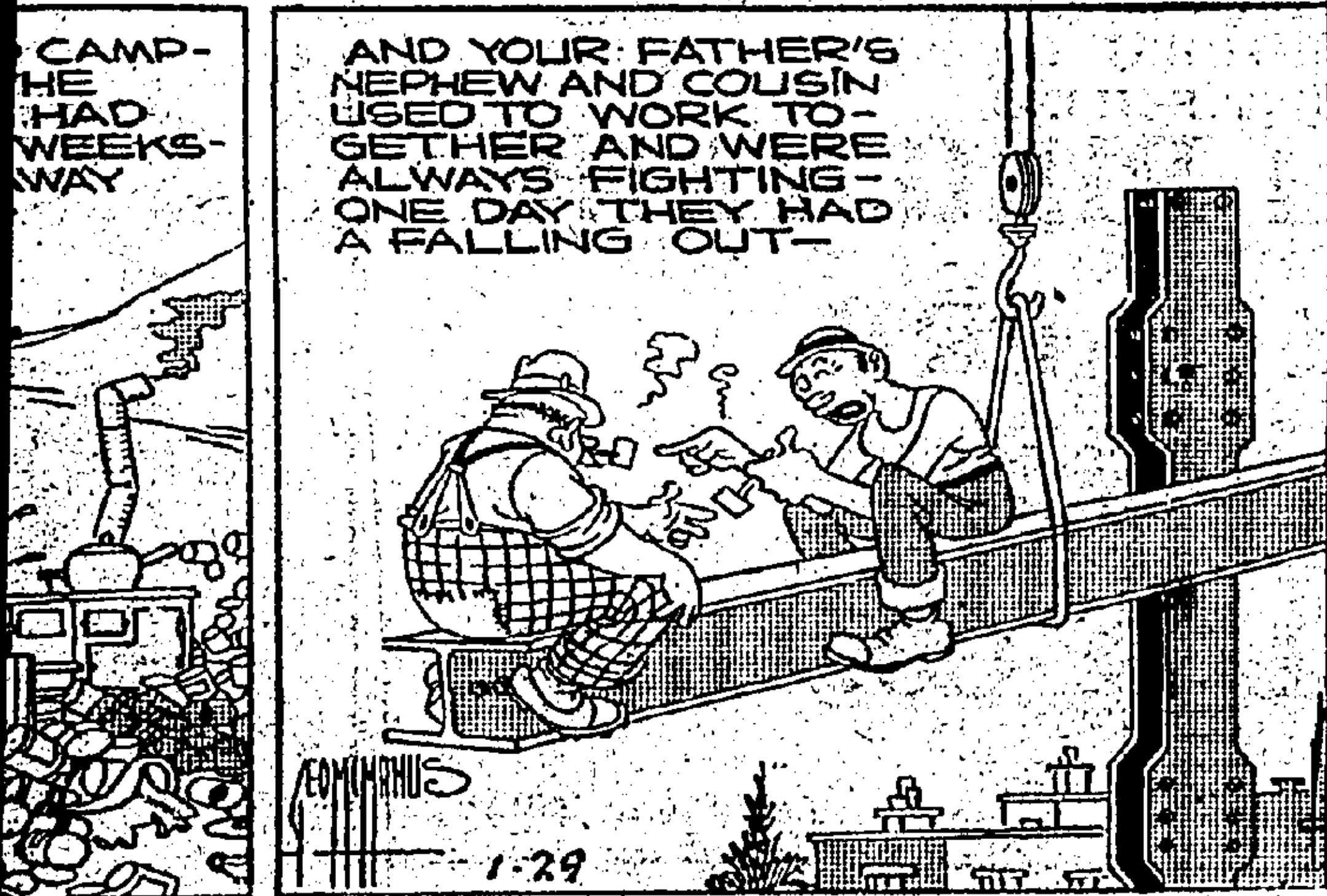
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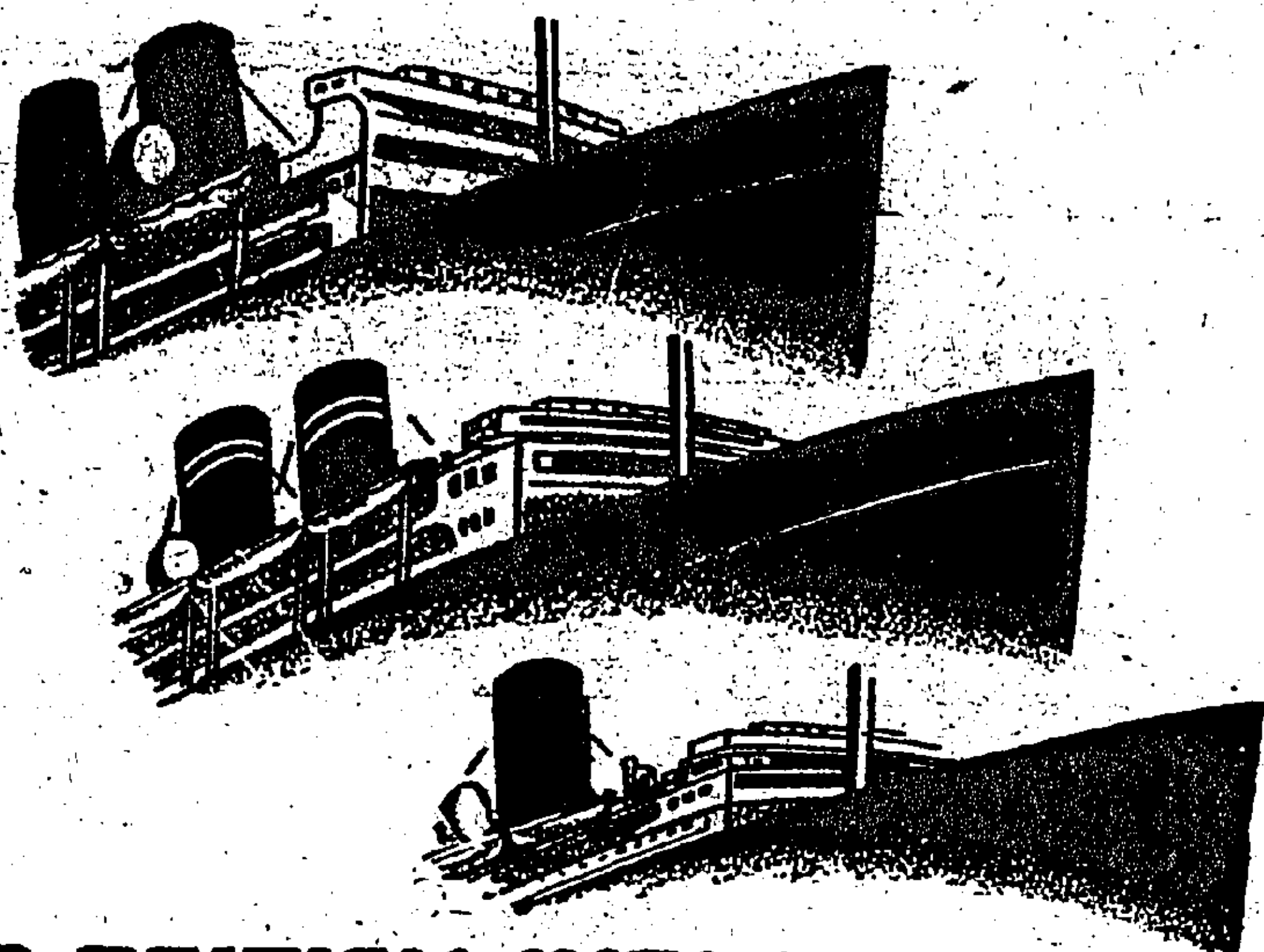
Astor, film actress of the famous "diary case," is shown with her writer husband, Manuel Martinez Del Campo, reading messages and letters following their arrival at Miss Astor's Hollywood home. Their honeymoon had been cut short by Del Campo's flight to Mexico for his father's funeral.

By George McManus



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|---------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| *SOMALI | 7,000 | 15th Apr. | Shanghai & Japan |
| TILAWA | 10,000 | 15th Apr. | Amoy, Shanghai & Japan. |
| RANPURA | 17,000 | 15th Apr. | Shanghai & Japan |
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INWARD MAILS

| From | Ship | Date | Time |
|--|-----------------|----------|------|
| Straits | Arima Maru | April 8. | |
| Bangkok and Swatow | Kiangsu | April 8. | |
| Straits | Perseus | April 8. | |
| Manila | Potsdam | April 8. | |
| Amoy | Sirdhana | April 8. | |
| Japan and Shanghai | Yasukuni Maru | April 8. | |
| Australia and Manila | Changte | April 9. | |
| Straits | Conte Rosso | April 9. | |
| Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, (Vancouver B.C., 20th March) | Emp. of Japan | April 9. | |
| Japan and Shanghai | General Sherman | April 9. | |
| Manila | Pres. Jackson | April 9. | |
| Shanghai | Talhybius | April 9. | |

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| For | Per | Date and Time. |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Thursday | | |
| Sourabaya | Rhexenor | Thurs., Apr. 8, 10 a.m. |
| Straits and Calcutta | Hosang | Thurs., Apr. 8, 11 a.m. |
| Parcels | Letters | Apr. 8, Noon. |
| Friday | | |
| Sandakan | Mausang | Fri., Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| Foochow via Swatow | Nanning | Fri., Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| Letters for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 18th April. | R.M.A. Dorado | Fri., Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| | G.P.O. and K.P.O. | Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| | Reg. | Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| | Letters | Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| Shanghai | Conte Rosso | Fri., Apr. 9, 9.30 a.m. |
| Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong | Kiungchow | Fri., Apr. 9, 1 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C., and Europe via Siberia. (Due Victoria B.C., 28th April) | Pres. Jackson | Fri., Apr. 9, 1 p.m. |
| Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 13th April. | R.M.A. Dorado | Fri., Apr. 9, 1 p.m. |
| | G.P.O. and K.P.O. | Apr. 9, 1 p.m. |
| | Reg. | Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| | Letters | Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| Letters for "K. L. M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 19th April. | Yasukuni Maru | Fri., Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| | G.P.O. and K.P.O. | Apr. 9, 12.30 p.m. |
| | Reg. | Apr. 9, 1.00 p.m. |
| | Letters | Apr. 9, 1.00 p.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th May | Yasukuni Maru | Fri., Apr. 9, 1.00 p.m. |
| | Reg. | Apr. 9, 12.45 p.m. |
| | Letters | Apr. 9, 1.30 p.m. |
| Manila | Emp. of Japan | Fri., Apr. 9, 3.30 p.m. |

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 NAKO MARU Thursday, 13th May

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†ATAGO MARU Tuesday, 20th Apr.
 HEIYO MARU Thursday, 13th May

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YASUKUNI MARU Friday, 9th Apr.
 HAKONE MARU Saturday, 24th Apr.

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 KAMO MARU Saturday, 29th May

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TANGO MARU Sunday, 11th Apr.
 †MAYEBASHI MARU Wednesday, 28th Apr.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

†GENOA MARU Monday, 12th Apr.
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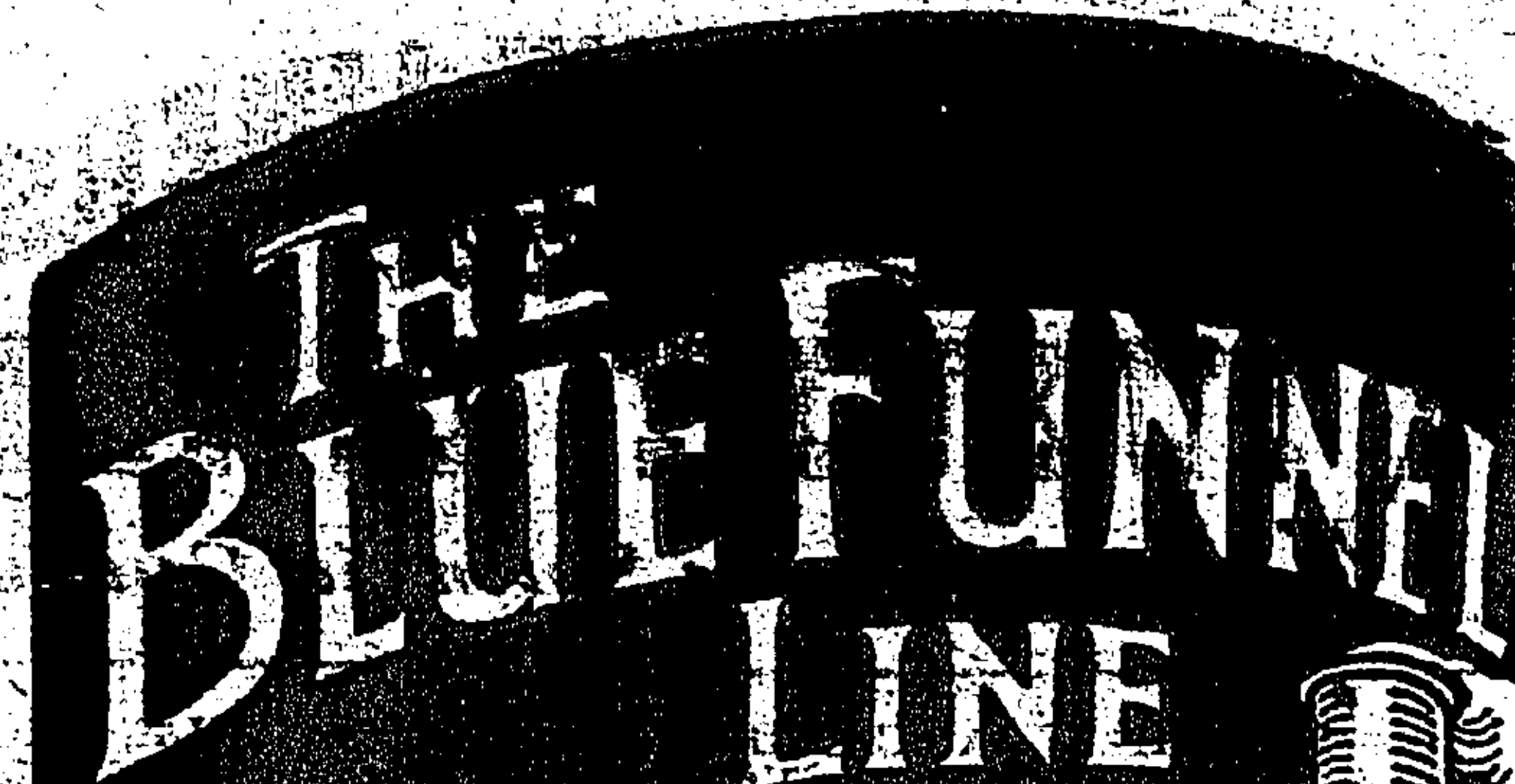
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| NEW YORK via Japan, Los Angeles and Panama. Call Direct at Cristobal, Boston Philadelphia and Baltimore. | Nankai Maru Hokuroku Maru .. | Wed., Wed., | 21st Apr. 5th May |
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| CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon. | Hamburg Maru .. Hague Maru | Wed., Sun., | 21st Apr. 2nd May |
| JAPAN via Takao and Keelung. | Samarang Maru .. Argun Maru | Wed., Sat., | 14th Apr. 10th Apr. |
| JAPAN PORTS via Dairen. | Melbourne Maru ... | Thurs., | 22nd Apr. |
| KEELUNG via Swatow and Amoy | Hong Kong Maru .. Canton Maru | Sun., Sun., | 11th Apr. 18th Apr. |
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| Pres. Pierce .. 8.00 a.m. May 9 | Pres. Taft .. 6.00 p.m. Apr. 14 |
| Pres. Van Buren .. 8.00 a.m. May 23 | Pres. Jefferson .. 6.00 p.m. Apr. 17 |
| Pres. Garfield .. 8.00 a.m. June 6 | Pres. Hoover .. 9.00 p.m. Apr. 23 |
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The dollar opened on demand this morning at 1/2-27/32.
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The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.8970, and the New York on London cross-rate at 4.895%.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

| | | |
|-----------------|--------|------------|
| Spot | 41 1/4 | Down 2 5/8 |
| May/June | 41 1/2 | Down 2 5/8 |
| July/Sept. | 41 3/4 | Down 2 5/8 |
| Oct./Dec. | 41 3/4 | Down 2 5/8 |

Market: Uncertain.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

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Hong Kong Bank \$1865 b.
Bank of East Asia \$88 1/4 b.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$320 b.
Union Ins. \$635 b.
China Underwriters \$1.55 b., \$1.60/- .65 sa.

SHIPPING

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and K. Wharves \$117 b., \$118 sa.
H. K. and W. Docks \$30 1/2 b.
Providents (Old) \$2.15 b., \$2 1/4 s., \$2.20 sa.

MINING

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H. K. Lands \$36 1/4 b., \$36 sa.

Humphreys \$9 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$15 1/4 s., \$15.10 sa.

Peak Trams (Old) \$4 1/2 b.

Peak Trams (New) \$1 b.

Star Ferries \$38 1/2 s.

China Lights (Old) \$14.70 sa.

H. K. Electrics \$60 b.

Sandakan Lights \$11 1/4 b.

Telephones (Old) \$30 b.

Telephones (New) \$12.85 s., \$12 1/2 sa.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$15.30 sa.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms \$25 1/4 b.

Sinceres \$3.05 b., \$3.10 sa.

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Atoks34

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Balatoc Mining 13 1/2

Benguet Consol. 12 1/2

Benguet Explor. 12

Big Wedge 24 1/2

Coco Grove 57

Consolidated Mines .. 383

Demonstrations 80

E. Mindanao 29 1/2

Gumaus G'field 19

Ipo Gold 24 1/2

I. X. L. 83

Itogons 1.20

Masbate Consol. 35

Min. Resources 28

Northern Mining 38 1/2

Paracale Gumaus 63

Salacot Mining 35 1/4

San Mauricio 1.95

Suyoc Consol. 38 1/2

United Paracales 69

The dispute between the Government and the salt merchants in Kwangtung has been settled. It is stated that the latter will call off the strike in the province to-morrow.

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COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuter:—

| | Prev. Closing | Yesterday Closing |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| New York Cotton: | | |
| May | 14.87 | 14.09 |
| July | 14.26 | 13.93 |
| October | 13.73 | 13.39 |
| December | 13.65 | 13.29 |
| January | 13.67 | 13.32 |
| March (1938) .. | 13.71 | 13.36 |
| Spot | 14.96 | 14.67 |
| New York Rubber: | | |
| May | 25.58 | 24.35 |
| July | 25.78 | 24.60 |
| September | 25.85 | 24.58 |
| December | 25.78n | 24.50 |
| January | 25.75n | 24.47n |
| March | 25.75 | 24.42n |
| Chicago Wheat: | | |
| May | 141 $\frac{1}{8}$ | 141 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| July | 128 $\frac{1}{8}$ | 127 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| September | 124 $\frac{1}{8}$ | 123 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Chicago Corn: | | |
| May | 128 $\frac{1}{4}$ b | 130 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| July | 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 121 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| September | 111 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 112 $\frac{3}{8}$ |
| Winnipeg Wheat: | | |
| May | 148 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 147 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| July | 144 | 142 $\frac{7}{8}$ |
| October | 127 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 126 $\frac{5}{8}$ |

STEAMBOAT CO. LOSS

The annual report of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company shows a loss for the year ended December 31, 1936, of \$139,190.33, which has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account, bringing the debit of that account, after deducting a transfer of \$361,145.69 from the Investment Fluctuation Account and the profit on sale of the steamers "Lungshan" and "Sui An" during the year amounting to \$39,412.65, to \$236,134.97.

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 Issued and Fully-Paid-up.. 20,000,000
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 Reserve Liability of Pro-
 prietors\$20,000,000

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Hong Kong, 1st January, 1935.

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Hong Kong, 10th March, 1937.

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NEXT Monday, the annual Presentation Night, officially brings to a close, the local Badminton season. The 1936/7 season has been the most successful since Badminton definitely became an integral part of the sporting life of the Colony, and it is only fitting that it should be wound up in a suitable manner.

THE COMMITTEE HAVE SPARED NO EFFORTS TO ARRANGE AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME AND ALL THAT REMAINS TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THE FUNCTION IS A LARGE ATTENDANCE.

As is usual, on these occasions, exhibition games will be played between the outstanding players of the Colony, a special attraction being a singles encounter between Patrick Wong, the most dominating badminton personality at present in Hong Kong, and the brilliant P. K. Hui.

CHINESE "Y" - SECURE BADMINTON WIN

Chinese R.C. Lose At
Bridges Street

TEAMS COMPLETE THEIR FIXTURES

The Chinese "Y" and the Chinese Recreation Club completed their programme in the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League last evening, when they met at the Bridges Street, the former team winning by 7 games to 2.

The C.R.C. turned up one man short, and as a result S. W. Liang had to partner H. C. Ho in his first and third game, H. W. Ho partnering him in the second game.

The Chinese "Y" have lost only four fixtures out of the 14, one to the University "A," two to Recreio "A," and one to the Chinese R.C., when they met them at Causeway Bay.

Last night's result was as follows:

C. E. Chng and T. W. Wong
(Chinese "Y")
beat C. Y. Yung and H. W. Ho 21-16
beat S. W. Liang and P. C. Leung 21-12
beat H. C. Ho and S. W. Liang 21-17

Fred Koh and T. J. Ong
(Chinese "Y")
beat Yung and Ho 21-6
beat W. Liang and Leung 21-6
beat Ho and H. W. Ho 21-11

Henry Koh and S. Y. Hong
(Chinese "Y")
lost to Yung and Ho 18-21
beat Liang and Leung 21-12
lost to Ho and Liang 23-24

LEAGUE TABLE

| | P. | W. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| University "A" | 14 | 13 | 1 | 69 | 21 | 26 |
| Recreio "A" | 12 | 10 | 2 | 81 | 27 | 20 |
| Chinese Y.M.C.A. | 14 | 10 | 4 | 77 | 49 | 20 |
| Recreio "B" | 13 | 8 | 5 | 50 | 55 | 16 |
| C.R.C. | 14 | 6 | 8 | 49 | 68 | 12 |
| University "B" | 13 | 3 | 10 | 39 | 68 | 6 |
| St. Andrew's "A" | 14 | 8 | 11 | 45 | 75 | 6 |
| Free Lances | 14 | 1 | 13 | 31 | 77 | 2 |

Those who were unfortunate enough to have missed their semi-final match in the championship, will thus have an opportunity of seeing these two fine singles players pitted against each other.

Wong will be favoured to win, but I am quite sure that Hui will make every effort to avenge his defeat of last month. At the moment he is the only local player who is capable of even extending Wong, who is generally conceded to be in a class by himself.

KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT

When S. P. Chan, the brilliant King's College left-hander, announced that he was not entering for the Colony championships, great disappointment was expressed by the many who have seen him in action. It will be recalled that Chan, in partnership with Miss M. Griffiths, defeated A. G. Meise and Mrs. Burton the Shanghai players, in the exhibition matches held last October.

Added merit is given to this result by news, recently received from the north, which states that Meise and Mrs. Burton have just been crowned mixed doubles champions of Shanghai.

In view of the fact that the standard of the game in Shanghai is acknowledged to be far above that in Hong Kong, as the visit of the Eliot Hall team, some time ago more than amply demonstrated, some idea of the standard of Chan's doubles game can be fairly accurately gauged.

MIXED EXHIBITION

Chan, in partnership with Miss W. Cheung, also of the C. R. C. will be seen in action against E. L. H. Shute, who was also an absentee from the championships, and either Miss U. Khoo, mixed doubles titleholder with P. K. Hui, or if she is unfit, Miss M. Silva, who, last Tuesday, revealed herself as being among the first three lady players of the Colony.

A men's doubles game will complete the programme of exhibitions. T. C. Lee and K. L. Yong, of the University, will play against M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios of Recreio, and a very keen game is certain to eventuate.

PRIZE WINNERS

The following is the complete list of prize-winners:

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP



Chenk Shek-kam, above, played for South China "B" against the Navy yesterday in their First Division League soccer encounter, which the latter unexpectedly won by 4 goals to 2.

Winner: P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")
Runner-Up: T. C. Lee (University)
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Winners: P. H. Wong and C. E. Chng (Chinese "Y")
Runners-Up: M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio "A")
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Winners: P. K. Hui and Miss Ulian Khoo (University)
Runners-Up: M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva (Recreio)
MEN'S DOUBLES "A" LEAGUE
Winners: University "A"
Runners-Up: Recreio "A"
MEN'S DOUBLES "B" LEAGUE
Winners: King's College
Runners-Up: Kowloon Tong "A" or St. John's

MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE
Winners: Recreio "A"
GOVERNOR GIVES CUP

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, himself a badminton enthusiast, has presented a trophy for the Men's Singles Championship, while Mr. E. M. Raymond and Mr. E. Abraham, both honorary vice-presidents of the Hong Kong Badminton Association, have presented the Mixed Doubles and Men's Doubles Championship trophies, respectively.

League challenge trophies have been presented by Messrs. A. G. Spalding Bros., Mr. E. da Sousa, Messrs. G. S. Brothers, Mr. F. H. Kwok, Messrs. Dunlop Rubber Co., and Rev. J. R. Higgs, President of the Association.

Prizes will be presented by Mrs. J. R. Higgs, following which, there will be dancing to the strains of Micky's Melody Makers Band.
Cost of admission.—\$1.00.

The Colony Snooker Championship commenced yesterday evening with two matches in the first round, F. A. Noronha defeating E. Zimmern, at the Club Lusitano by 132 points to 125, and H. R. Sequeira beating G. Singh at the Craigen-gower C. C. by 154 points to 112.

(Continued from next Col.)

terval Bidwell made one of his characteristic breakaways to send Grieve over for a Volunteer score, the latter adding the goal points himself.

The second half opened with the Club attacking, and Bidwell made another breakaway to score a very fine try which Grieve improved upon. Just before the end, Peers scored an unconverted try in the corner.

The teams are:—
H.K.V.D.C.—J. P. Whitham; W. E. Peers; H. D. Bidwell; Carruthers; K. A. Munro; W. E. Grieve and F. A. Redman; M. S. Cumming; K. W. Salter; M. Scott; I. H. Bradford; B. Hynes; K. A. Watson and J. S. Dunnett.
Army.—Barry; Jones; L/Cpl. Lewis, Lt. Davenport and Wilkins; Floyd and Preece; Lt. Lincoln; Fus. Hoolahan, Watkins; Bebb; Chaney; Morgan; Cpl. Harrison and Capt. Gillespie.

H.K.V.D.C. DEFEAT ARMY XV

Fourteen Men Win
Hard Game

MILITARY BACKS FAILURE

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps' Rugby team fielding only 14 men throughout, caused a sensational upset on the Club ground yesterday, when they beat the Army first fifteen by two goals and a try (13 points) to a goal and a try (8 points), although the military side threw away two wonderful chances in the second half owing to selfishness on the part of the centre-threequarters.

The Volunteers had a fairly useful team, although they were without the services of several of their best men. They only scored in spasmodic breakaways, their backs, particularly Bidwell, Grieve and Carruthers being in fine form, although Bidwell's defence was deplorable at times.

The Army were forced to make two changes, Lewis coming into the threequarter line in place of Davies, and this considerably weakened their attack as he was very selfish and threw away a golden chance of giving the Army the lead, when the score stood at 10-8 in favour of the Club.

WHITHAM SHINES

Whitham was the better of the two backs, Barry being not so confident in his kicking, while he was unable to stop either Grieve or Bidwell. Whitham's smother tackles had the desired effect and he stopped several dangerous breakaways.

Munro and Peers were very slow on the wings, and as a result the brunt of the work fell on the shoulders of the centre-threequarters. Grieve, at stand-off-half, worked very hard although he found some difficulty in taking the passes from Redman, who was handicapped to a certain extent by sluggish heeling on the part of the Club pack.

Bradford, Watson, Dunnett and Salter were the pick of the pack, and were always in at the death.

FLOYD DANGEROUS

Davenport was not given many chances to shine and actually the brunt of the task of scoring fell on the shoulders of Floyd, who, after his very fine try, was a marked man and could accomplish little. Jones and Wilkins worked very hard on the two wings, but likewise found their passage barred. Preece was, as usual, very good at the base of the Army scrum, but his hard running and sudden cut-throaths should have resulted in scores once or twice.

Morgan, Harrison, Chaney and Bebb were the pick of the pack, but Harrison's knee troubled him and he was compelled to drop out of the game for a short while.

MORGAN SCORES

Morgan opened the scoring with a try in the corner which Gillespie failed to convert, and soon after Floyd cut through in brilliant fashion to cleverly sell the dummy to Whitham, and score between the posts, Gillespie adding the goal points.

A few moments before the in-
Continued at foot of preceding Col.

LONG RALLIES WITNESSED AT H.K.C.C.

COPPINGER WORRIES PAUL KONG

RUMJAHN COUSINS WIN AGAIN

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS

(By "ADREM")

I don't know what the record number of strokes for any one rally is, but I am certain that the figure must have been topped on several occasions in the Colony Open Singles tennis match at the Hong Kong C.C. yesterday, between Paul Kong and Capt. Coppinger, which the former won 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, after a great tussle.

Kong won the first set fairly easily, but thereafter Coppinger fell into his stride. I should say his two strokes started to work, and by means of a pushed forehand with a slight slice, and immaculate length lobbing, he worried Kong to such an extent, that the latter lost six games in a row to lose the set.

At this stage, Kong appeared to be thoroughly beaten and was obviously considerably upset by the stone-wall defence of an opponent, who was content to maintain the rallies and wait for him to make the mistakes. Early in the final set, however, it became obvious that Kong — the fine old campaigner that he is — was not going to give up without a struggle, and he played Coppinger at his own game, namely, pushed everything high into the air and occasionally dropping them short. The rallies went on and on until one or the other overhit the baseline by a few inches, or hit the net-cord in attempting a shorter one.

FINEST EQUIPPED

Kong, on his performance yesterday, is probably the finest equipped stroke player in Hong Kong. He was obviously disconcerted by the retrieving of Coppinger, and as a result did not attack as much as he might have done, but all his shots were played with the fluency of a "Bunny" Austin. His backhand, was particularly well executed, and was a study in perfect footwork and timing. Although not very forceful overhead, he was nevertheless very confident, and on occasions pulled out a beautiful ace service. Any young aspirant to tennis honours might profitably spend an afternoon watching him in action.

As I have already stated, Coppinger, who, incidentally, has played at Wimbledon in the Navy Championships and reached the semi-final, bases his whole game on two strokes, a sliced forehand push and perfect lobbing. He demonstrated what determination and unlimited patience can do to the finest tennis player pitted against him.

In the other Singles encounter, Y. C. Lau won in three sets from F. V. Harrison in a hard-hitting game, chiefly featured by long baseline duels.

"PULL UP THEIR SOCKS"

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, potential Doubles title-holders, will have to pull up their socks if they hope to reach that exalted position. True, they won in straight sets against Marton and Evans yesterday, but they were not as convincing as they might have been. "S. A.'s" service again showed a good deal of unreliability, while he was inclined to overhit on the forehand. "H. D."



Lieut. F. O'Costa, above, is being honoured this afternoon when he will captain a Portugal hockey eleven against Mr. A. A. Dand's eleven on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park.

JUNIOR INTERPORT SOCCER XI

STRONG SIDE FOR MACAO GAME

Though the team chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Association against Macao on Sunday, April 18, has been drawn for the most part from Second Division teams, and is not the strongest available, it is at least representative and should well.

Harrison, of the Medicals, has at last received some recognition, for is undoubtedly one of the best centre-forwards in junior football, and would do well with any senior team.

Mr. C. G. Warren, of the Royal Navy, will be accompanying the team as manager, while the game will be refereed by Mr. D. Kossick.

The following is the teams with reserves:—
Branwell (Rifles); D. W. Willis (Kowloon) and Gaizley (Fusiliers); M. Purvis (Club), Spiers (Seaforths) and Dewell (Engineers); J. B. Gonsalves (Recreio), Sumner (Stonecutters), Harrison (Medicals), Lam Fook-chi (Kowloon Chinese) and Brewer (Navy).

Reserves:— Duffield (Ordnance), Lewis (Stonecutters), Boyd (Rifles) and Blackmore (Lyemun).

was generally sound and is volleying as crisply as of old.

Marton and Evans gave an excellent display, the keynote of which was attack. Both of them were particularly good at picking up half-volleys and they were not afraid to smash. With more practise they would rank with some of the best in the Colony.

LOBBED THEIR WAY

E. L. H. Shute and his son Kenneth, lobbed their way into the next round at the expense of Clarke and Warr, the Army players. I have rarely seen such consistently accurate lobbing as that of both father and son, and as they utilised this stroke at every opportunity, and as their opponents were never happy overhead, there could only have been one result.

Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheong won fairly easily from G. C. Burnett and A. W. Ramsey.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Open Singles

Paul Kong beat Capt. Coppinger 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.

Y. C. Lau beat F. V. Harrison 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Open Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans 6-3, 7-5.

E. L. H. Shute and K. Shute beat G. E. Clarke and A. Warr 6-2, 6-1.

Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheong beat A. W. Ramsey and G. C. Burnett 6-4, 6-1.

Club Singles Championship

H. Owen Hughes beat A. S. Read 6-4, 7-5.

Club Handicap Singles

W. Wooding (+3.6) beat W. M. Barton (+1.6) 6-3, 2-6, 10-8.

LEE WAI TONG IN SINGLES MATCH TO-DAY

GOOD DOUBLES ENCOUNTER SHOULD ALSO BE SEEN

(By "ADREM")

A DOUR struggle between Lee Wai-tong and Leong Ping-chiu in their Open Singles tennis tie at the Hong Kong C.C., is almost certain to result this afternoon.

Leong is a fine defensive player, but for that matter, so is Lee. In addition the latter has a one of the shrewdest tennis brains in Hong Kong and this, combined with his uncanny ball control, should carry the day.

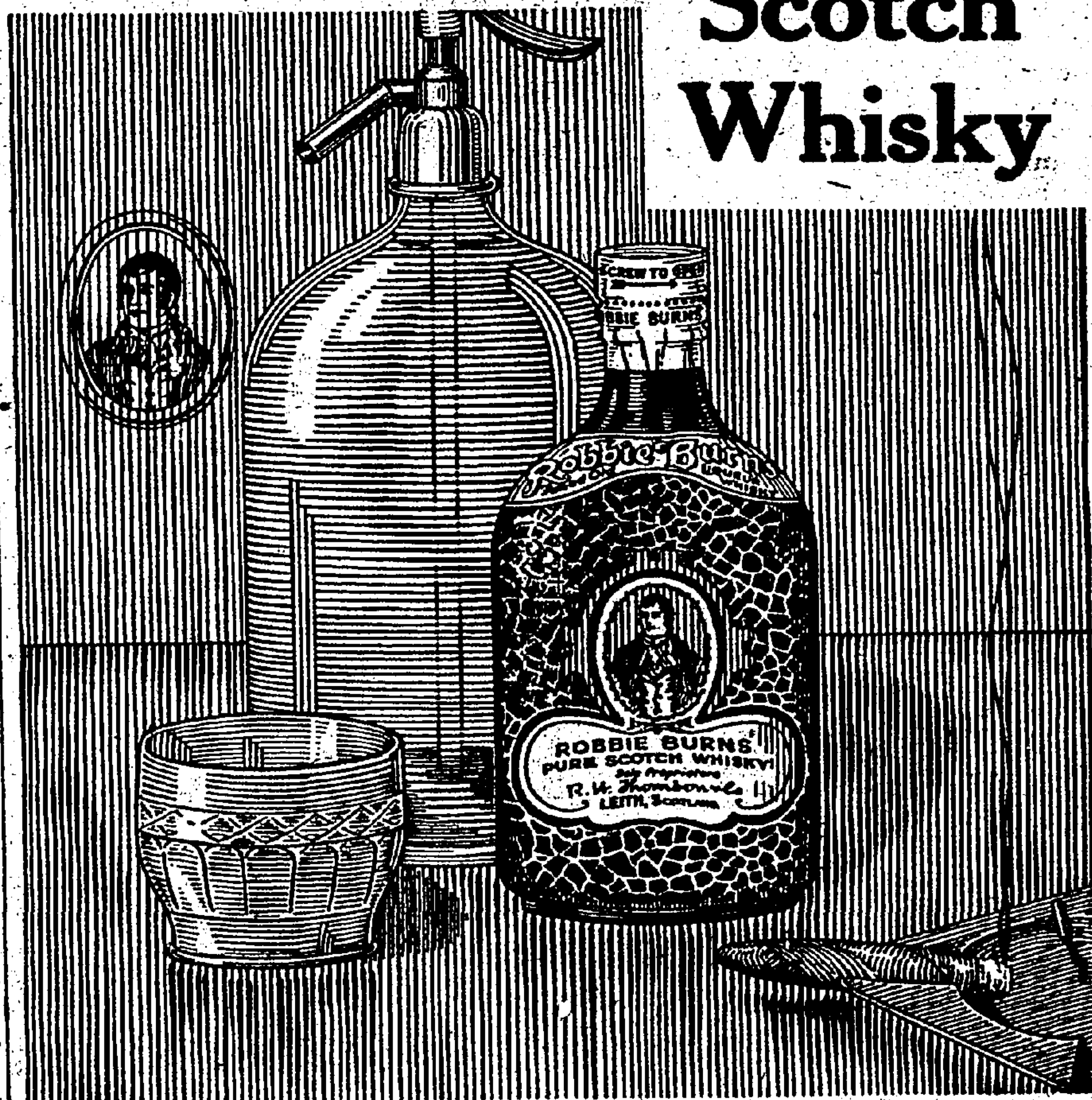
The doubles encounter between P. C. Lee and C. C. Ma, and P. F. Tsoi and Ng Kam-chuen, should provide some fast and thrilling exchanges. Both pairs hit very hard and volley soundly. I am not prepared to forecast a result, but I think that it will take three sets to decide the match.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

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| Open Singles Championship Lee Wai-tong v Leong Ping-chiu. | Club Handicap Singles M. Pagh (-30) v F. A. Joseph (+2.6). |
| Open Doubles Championship P. C. Lee and C. C. Ma v P. F. Tsoi and Ng Kam-chuen. | Club Handicap Doubles R. Hancock and T. E. Pearce (-2.6) or J. F. Leys and L. T. Ride (-15.2) v G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst (-30). |
| Club Singles F. V. Harrison v G. E. R. Divett. | |

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DERBYSHIRE CRICKET RECRUIT

Derbyshire, English county cricket champions, have added Clifford Gladwin, a 20-year-old all-rounder from Clapwell Colliery, to their nursery staff.

Gladwin, who is over six feet tall, bowls right arm medium fast, and is a good batsman. He is a son of a former Derbyshire player who assisted the county as a fast medium bowler in 1914 and 1919.

Yesterday's Soccer Marksmen

FIRST DIVISION

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| Tippett (Navy), | 2 |
| Anderson (Navy), | 1 |
| Johnson (Navy), | 1 |
| B. Gosano (Recreio), | 1 |
| A. V. Gosano (Recreio), | 1 |
| Gomes (Recreio), | 1 |
| Betts (Kowloon), | 1 |

SECOND DIVISION

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| Baylor (Stonecutters), | 1 |
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THIRD DIVISION

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| Allen (Air Force), | 1 |
| Waters (Ordnance), | 7 |
| Duffield (Ordnance), | 2 |
| Attoe (Ordnance), | 4 |
| Partap (Kumaon Rifles), | 1 |
| Cheney (Seaforths), | 1 |
| Tatler (Fusiliers), | 1 |
| Luxton (Fusiliers), | 1 |

SHARK IN SWIMMING BATHS

Sydney, February 18.

Shark! This cry is alarming enough when heard in the surf, but swimmers were thunder-struck to hear the cry go out in Rose Bay Baths last week.

It was discovered that a small shark was swimming in the POOL ITSELF. Arthur Besimo, ex-State swimming champion, was among the "patrons" who helped to land the uninvited guest in a hand net.



AT ALL EVENTS

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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football League and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted, and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

First Division

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| | P | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | Pts | TL | | | |
| Arsenal (6) DDdW | 38 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 39 | 20 | 27 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 37 | 29 | 22 | 49 | | | | |
| *Charlton (-) HWWI | 38 | 18 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 33 | 10 | 29 | 20 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 19 | 34 | 18 | 47 | | | | |
| M'chester C. (9) dwdw | 36 | 18 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 48 | 18 | 30 | 18 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 36 | 36 | 16 | 46 | | | | |
| Derby (4) WwDIW | 38 | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 55 | 33 | 27 | 19 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 33 | 45 | 18 | 45 | | | | |
| Portsmouth (10) WDIW | 38 | 19 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 39 | 25 | 29 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 21 | 31 | 15 | 44 | | | | |
| M'lesboro' (14) WdL | 38 | 18 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 46 | 17 | 31 | 20 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 23 | 34 | 11 | 44 | | | | |
| Brentford (5) WDIW | 37 | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 45 | 22 | 30 | 18 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 20 | 30 | 12 | 42 | | | | |
| Sunderland (1) WDIW | 37 | 18 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 48 | 18 | 33 | 19 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 23 | 46 | 8 | 41 | | | | |
| Wolves (5) WDIW | 36 | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 48 | 21 | 27 | 18 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 20 | 41 | 12 | 39 | | | | |
| Chelsea (8) WDIW | 38 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 34 | 22 | 26 | 19 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 16 | 31 | 12 | 38 | | | | |
| Birmingham (12) dWdW | 38 | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 31 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 26 | 33 | 16 | 37 | | | | |
| Preston (7) WDIW | 39 | 20 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 37 | 15 | 22 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 19 | 38 | 15 | 37 | | | | |
| Huddersfield (3) LdWw | 38 | 19 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 37 | 12 | 26 | 19 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 42 | 10 | 36 | | | | |
| Grimsby (17) dWLL | 38 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 50 | 30 | 25 | 19 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 20 | 46 | 10 | 35 | | | | |
| Everton (16) DdLd | 37 | 19 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 44 | 17 | 28 | 18 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 22 | 43 | 6 | 34 | | | | |
| Stoke (4) WDIW | 37 | 19 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 19 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 16 | 36 | 7 | 33 | | | | |
| W. Brom. (18) IWWI | 37 | 18 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 11 | 24 | 20 | 2 | 14 | 4 | 19 | 46 | 8 | 32 | | | | |
| Liverpool (19) WDIW | 38 | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 35 | 24 | 22 | 20 | 3 | 14 | 3 | 21 | 49 | 9 | 31 | | | | |
| Bolton (13) WDIW | 38 | 20 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 23 | 33 | 17 | 18 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 20 | 28 | 13 | 30 | | | | |
| Wednesday (20) LdWL | 36 | 18 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 29 | 25 | 20 | 18 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 18 | 20 | 8 | 28 | | | | |
| Manchester U. (-) WDIW | 38 | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 26 | 32 | 23 | 19 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 42 | 5 | 28 | | | | |
| Leeds (11) IDIW | 37 | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 36 | 20 | 25 | 19 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 15 | 50 | 3 | 28 | | | | |

Second Division

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| | P | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | Pts | TL | | | |
| Blackpool (10) ILWd | 39 | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 44 | 20 | 28 | 21 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 40 | 30 | 23 | 51 | | | | |
| Bury (14) IWWI | 39 | 20 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 37 | 20 | 26 | 19 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 21 | 29 | 22 | 48 | | | | |
| Leicester (7) WdLW | 38 | 19 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 57 | 30 | 28 | 19 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 27 | 27 | 18 | 46 | | | | |
| Plymouth (7) dLdL | 38 | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 37 | 23 | 28 | 19 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 27 | 27 | 18 | 46 | | | | |
| *A. Villa (-) dLdL | 38 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 45 | 24 | 24 | 19 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 33 | 24 | 20 | 44 | | | | |
| Sheffield U. (3) WdWw | 38 | 19 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 40 | 10 | 31 | 19 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 20 | 31 | 12 | 43 | | | | |
| Fulham (9) LdLd | 38 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 33 | 25 | 24 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 33 | 33 | 19 | 43 | | | | |
| Newcastle (8) WdLw | 39 | 20 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 41 | 23 | 21 | 19 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 33 | 38 | 22 | 43 | | | | |
| *Coventry (-) WdLw | 37 | 20 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 34 | 15 | 27 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 20 | 19 | 14 | 41 | | | | |
| West Ham (5) IWDd | 38 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 39 | 14 | 27 | 19 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 19 | 30 | 13 | 40 | | | | |
| *Chesterfield (-) LwLd | 38 | 20 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 39 | 27 | 29 | 18 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 28 | 47 | 11 | 40 | | | | |
| Tottenham (5) WDIW | 37 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 47 | 25 | 25 | 18 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 27 | 29 | 14 | 39 | | | | |
| *Blackburn (-) dLWw | 38 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 41 | 27 | 24 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 16 | 20 | 15 | 39 | | | | |
| Burnley (15) WdWw | 38 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 32 | 33 | 25 | 18 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 18 | 45 | 12 | 37 | | | | |
| *Barnsley (6) WdWw | 38 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 31 | 28 | 26 | 19 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 17 | 31 | 9 | 35 | | | | |
| S'mpton (17) DdW | 38 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 34 | 21 | 26 | 18 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 16 | 38 | 7 | 33 | | | | |
| Norwich (11) WDIW | 38 | 19 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 24 | 27 | 18 | 19 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 20 | 34 | 14 | 32 | | | | |
| Swansea (13) WdWd | 37 | 18 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 30 | 12 | 26 | 19 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 9 | 46 | 6 | 32 | | | | |
| B'ford C. (12) DLdL | 39 | 20 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 28 | 27 | 22 | 19 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 18 | 56 | 6 | 28 | | | | |
| Notts F. (10) DIWd | 37 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 27 | 23 | 22 | 18 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 21 | 39 | 6 | 28 | | | | |
| Doncaster (15) ILWd | 38 | 20 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 28 | 17 | 18 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 10 | 51 | 5 | 22 | | | | |

Third Division South

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| | P | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | Pts | TL | | | |
| Notts C. (9) wWwL | 38 | 19 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 42 | 19 | 31 | 19 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 26 | 25 | 21 | 52 | | | | |
| Luton (2) LwWd | 36 | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 18 | 32 | 18 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 28 | 35 | 16 | 48 | | | | |
| Brighton (7) WwLW | 38 | 19 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 41 | 16 | 29 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 48 | | | | |
| Watford (15) WDIW | 38 | 20 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 44 | 14 | 33 | 18 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 21 | 30 | 16 | 47 | | | | |
| Southend (18) LwWd | 37 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 41 | 22 | 25 | 18 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 27 | 27 | 19 | 44 | | | | |
| Reading (3) dWwL | 38 | 19 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 43 | 19 | 28 | 19 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 19 | 32 | 16 | 44 | | | | |
| Millwall (12) WDIW | 37 | 18 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 31 | 20 | 24 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 28 | 35 | 19 | 43 | | | | |
| Nor'ton (15) WDIW | 38 | 19 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 51 | 17 | 31 | 19 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 23 | 37 | 10 | 41 | | | | |
| Bournemouth (9) WdWw | 37 | 19 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 37 | 13 | 32 | 18 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 33 | 9 | 41 | | | | |
| Queen's Pk. (4) IDLl | 38 | 19 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 38 | 23 | 24 | 19 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 16 | 40 | | | | |
| Gillingham (16) WwLl | 36 | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 31 | 18 | 28 | 18 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 11 | 41 | 11 | 39 | | | | |
| Clapton (11) WdLw | 37 | 18 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 16 | 25 | 19 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 21 | 32 | 13 | 38 | | | | |
| *Bristol R. (-) WDIW | 38 | 19 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 43 | 18 | 28 | 19 | 3 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 47 | 7 | 35 | | | | |
| *Crystal P. (6) DdLl | 38 | 19 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 40 | 23 | 25 | 19 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 13 | 35 | 7 | 32 | | | | |
| Swindon (19) LdLd | 36 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 47 | 22 | 25 | 17 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 22 | 37 | 7 | 32 | | | | |
| Bristol C. (13) dWwLl | 37 | 18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 35 | 25 | 25 | 19 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 15 | 46 | 7 | 31 | | | | |
| Torquay (10) LdLd | 38 | 20 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 39 | 27 | 20 | 18 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 31 | 11 | 31 | | | | |
| Cardiff (20) LdLl | 36 | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 16 | 43 | 9 | 29 | | | | |
| Newport (21) WDIW | 37 | 20 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 34 | 26 | 22 | 17 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 26 | 63 | 7 | 29 | | | | |
| Walsall (-) WdLd | 37 | 19 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 18 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 23 | 43 | 8 | 28 | | | | |
| Exeter (22) dWdL | 38 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 24 | 36 | 17 | 19 | 2 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 40 | 9 | 26 | | | | |
| Aldershot (11) LdLd | 37 | 18 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 29 | 25 | 14 | 19 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 16 | 25 | 7 | 21 | | | | |

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| Stockport (5) WWDWd | 38 | 20 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 54 | 18 | 34 | 18 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 51 |
| Chester (2) IDWl | 39 | 20 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 59 | 19 | 34 | 19 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 18 | 35 | 15 | 49 |
| Oldham (7) DdWW | 35 | 19 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 41 | 19 | 23 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 33 | 37 | 16 | 45 |
| York (16) lWdWl | 35 | 16 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 37 | 22 | 20 | 19 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 23 | 50 | 14 | 34 |
| *Hull (-) WdLD | 38 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 30 | 18 | 26 | 19 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 24 | 38 | 16 | 42 |
| *P. Vale (-) WdLD | 39 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 36 | 21 | 27 | 19 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 18 | 38 | 14 | 41 |
| Hartlepool (8) WdLWd | 38 | 18 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 34 | 19 | 28 | 20 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 21 | 49 | 12 | 40 |
| Mansfield (19) WWDWl | 38 | 20 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 48 | 22 | 24 | 18 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 19 | 33 | 14 | 38 |
| Halifax (18) lWWWd | 36 | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 29 | 13 | 21 | 19 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 23 | 40 | 17 | 38 |
| Carlisle (13) WWWWd | 36 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 42 | 14 | 25 | 19 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 25 | 35 | 12 | 37 |
| Wrexham (18) dWWlW | 38 | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 43 | 15 | 25 | 19 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 28 | 32 | 12 | 37 |
| Accrington (9) WDDlW | 36 | 19 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 42 | 23 | 26 | 17 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 13 | 29 | 10 | 36 |
| Southport (21) IDLl | 39 | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 34 | 38 | 24 | 19 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 19 | 49 | 9 | 33 |
| N. Brighton (22) WlWlW | 37 | 19 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 30 | 22 | 25 | 18 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 18 | 44 | 9 | 34 |
| Rotherham (11) WlWWW | 39 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 46 | 23 | 26 | 20 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 23 | 55 | 6 | 32 |
| Crewe (6) lDLWd | 38 | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 26 | 24 | 20 | 20 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 30 | 53 | 11 | 31 |
| Barrow (15) lWdWl | 37 | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 45 | 20 | 22 | 19 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 23 | 53 | 8 | 30 |
| Gateshead (14) WDDd | 36 | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 49 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 17 | 34 | 10 | 30 |
| Tranmere (3) lDDl | 37 | 18 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 42 | 14 | 24 | 18 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 16 | 47 | 5 | 29 |
| Rochdale (20) lLLl | 38 | 19 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 39 | 28 | 22 | 19 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 24 | 53 | 6 | 28 |
| Darlington (12) LDWlW | 37 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 38 | 42 | 19 | 18 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 23 | 36 | 9 | 28 |

SERVICES RIFLE MEETING

Final Stages
Reached

CHAMPIONSHIP AGGREGATE

The first three matches in the Services S. R. Championship Aggregate, namely Rapid Firing, Snapshooting and Deliberate occupied the whole of yesterday at the Kowloon City rifle ranges. The Services meeting, the first half of the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Rifle Association, is drawing to a close.

The Services Championship Aggregate is composed of four matches, the first three of which might be termed qualifying matches. These three are Rapid Firing, Snapshooting and Deliberate at 500 yards.

From these events the eighteen competitors who have the highest aggregate are chosen to fire in the fourth and final match, the Deliberate at 600 yards, to decide the winner of the Championship.

LAST DAY

To-day is the last day of the Services Meeting and will see the finals of the Championship Aggregate, the Individual Revolver Competition, and the semi-finals and final of the Falling Plate. In this event the semi-finalists are "B" and "E" Companies of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, Headquarters Royal Ulster Rifles and "A" Company of the Kumaon Rifles.

The results were:

Rapid Firing-Class "A"

(300 yds. H.P.S. 25)

1. Cpl. Spranklin (R.A.O.C.), 23; 2. Sgt. Armstrong (R.W.F.), 22; 3. Sgt. Lodder, Fus. Burton (R.W.F.), C. S. M. Fleming (Seaforths), L/C. Baillie, L/C. O'Hare and Cpl. Higham (R.U.R.), tied with 21.

The above mentioned tie will be decided this morning at 10 a.m.

Rapid Firing-Class "B"

(300 yds. H.P.S. 25)

1. Fus. Jones (R.W.F.), 24; 2. Rfn. Baker (R.U.R.), 19; 3. Rfn. J. J. Stewart (R.U.R.).

Snapshooting-Class "A"

(300 yds. H.P.S. 25)

1. C.S.M. Fleming (Seaforths), 25; 2. Sgt. Lodder (R.W.F.), Cpl. Butterfield (R.A.O.C.), and Sgt. Mannel (R. Marines) tied with 24.

The above mentioned tie will be decided at 10 a.m. to-day.

Snapshooting-Class "A"

(300 yds. H.P.S. 25)

1. Rfn. J. J. Stewart (R.U.R.), 23; 2. Pte. McDonald (Seaforths) and Rfn. Finlay (R.U.R.) tied with 22.

Snapshooting-Class "B"

(500 yds. H.P.S. 25)

1. L/S. Gardner (R.N.), 24; 2. P. O. Southby (R.N.), 24; 3. L/C. Aberdeen (Seaforths), L/C. McNoughton (Seaforths) and Pte. Cranston (Seaforths) tied with 23.

The above tie will be decided to-day at 10 a.m.

Deliberate-Class "B"

(500 yds. H.P.S. 25)

1. Rfn. Kinnen (R.U.R.), 23; 2. Rfn.

RYDER CUP Six Of U.S. Team Chosen

New York, To-day.

Gene Sarazen, Denny Shute, Tony Manero, Horton Smith, Gene Picard and Johnny Revolta have been selected to represent the United States in the Ryder Cup golf match with Great Britain at Southport on June 29 and 30.

Walter Hagen, the veteran golfer, is non-playing captain while the remaining four members of the team will be selected after the Professional Golfers' Association and Open Championships.

The English team has not yet been announced.—Reuter.

H.K.C.C. CRICKET ELEVEN FOR NEXT SATURDAY

In the League Championship match on Saturday on the Club ground, at 2 p.m., the following will play for the H.K.C.C. 1st. XI against the I.R.C.:

A. W. Hayward (capt), H. W. Baines, E. R. Duckitt, P. C. Frost, R. D. Gillespie, R. L. Holden, R. E. H. Nelson, H. B. Neve, R. Owen Hughes, G. A. Stewart, R. L. D. Woodhouse, Reserve, N. P. Fox, Umpire, P. E. Basket, Scorer, H. G. Wallington.

Stewart (R.U.R.); 23; 3. Pte. Jones (Seaforths).

Inter-unit Cup—(H.P.S. 600)

1. Royal Welch Fusiliers, Aggregate 462.

Team.—Sgt. Lodder (66), Sgt. Spencer (62), L/C. Lang (59), Fus. Williams (58), Fus. Tong (56), Capt. Kenyon (54), Fus. Walker (54) and Cpl. Wanklyn (53).

2. Royal Ulster Rifles, 460; 3. Seaforths, 449; 4. Royal Marines, 395; 5. H.M.S. Cumberland and Capetown, 326; 6. R.A.S.C., 239.

"Services" S.R. Championship

Aggregate
The following have qualified to shoot in the final match of the above Championship.

Sgt. Lodder (R.W.F.), 66; Rfn. Stewart (R.U.R.), 63; Cpl. Butterfield (R.A.O.C.), 63; Sgt. Spencer (R.W.F.), 62; Bdmn. Ratcliffe (R.U.R.), 62; C.S.M. Fleming (Seaforths), 62; Sgt. Warwick (R. Marines), 61; Sgt. Blandford (R. Marines), 61; L/C. Baillie (R.U.R.), 60; Pipe Major McLennan (Seaforths), 60; L/C. Lang (R.W.F.), 59; Fus. Williams (R.W.F.), 58; L/C. Ainslee (Seaforths), 58; L/Sgt. Gardner (R. Navy), 58; Lieut. Gray (Seaforths), 58; Sgt. Mannel (R. Marines), 57; C.P.O. Pellow (R. Navy), 57.

Egg Disc—500 yds.

Capt. Kenyon (R.W.F.), C.Q.M.S. Price (R.W.F.), and L/C. Ganly (R.U.R.), tied.

Egg Pool—300 yds.

The winner was A. S. Stevens, V.L., H.M.S. Cumberland.

Decimal Target—300 yds.

1. Sgt. Cheshire (R.A.O.C.); 2. Cpl. McCausland (R.U.R.), and Lieut. Wilson tied; 4. Lieut. Wilson (R.U.R.); 5. Lieut. Ratcliffe (R.U.R.).

Revolver Pool

1. Capt. Gwyder-Jones (R.W.F.), and Sgt. Solis (R.W.F.) tied; 3. Sgt. Meeks (Seaforths).

COMPANY MEETINGS

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.50 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.55 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

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SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
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MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 10th April, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1937.

SWAPS

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- 10 American 5c. Coin 1834
- 11 Philip of Spain Coin 1738
- 12 Carolus of Spain Coin 1762
- 13 Silver Tael Chinese Coin
- 14 Mandarin Head 1/2 Dollar
- 15 1 1/2d. Victoria Coin 1839
- 16 4d. pc. Silver Vic. 1840
- 17 American 1/2 Dime 1847
- 18 2 Para over 8 Kop. 1772
- 19 Belg-Holland 1g. 1725
- 20 Commodus Bronze Coin 200 BC
- 21 Collection very old Coins
- 22 Spartan M/L wave Radio
- 23 Model C Kodac Projector
- 24 Table Model Gramophone
- 25 Wirgin Pocket Camera
- 26 Sheets of Used Stamps
- 27 Concert Banjo & Case
- 28 Hermes Port. Typewriter new
- 29 Old Rex Typewriter 16"
- 30 Re-built Underwood 10"
- 31 Bentley's Phrase Code
- 32 Tombo Chromatic Accordeon
- 33 Set 3 Antimony Figures
- 34 Large Bronze Statue
- 35 Large Electric Gramophone
- 36 Stream-line Speed Boat
- 37 Outboard Motor 16 HP
- 38 Old Marble Clock
- 39 Furnished Dolls House
- 40 Qnty Electrical Fittings
- 41 Brass Shell Ornaments
- 42 Spartan Radio Set
- 43 Cabinet Gramophone
- 44 Elect. Ceiling Fan
- 45 Electric Table Fan
- 46 Large Letter Press
- 47 Teak Armchair Rocker
- 48 Small Cabin Trunk
- 49 Set Painted Rattan Chairs
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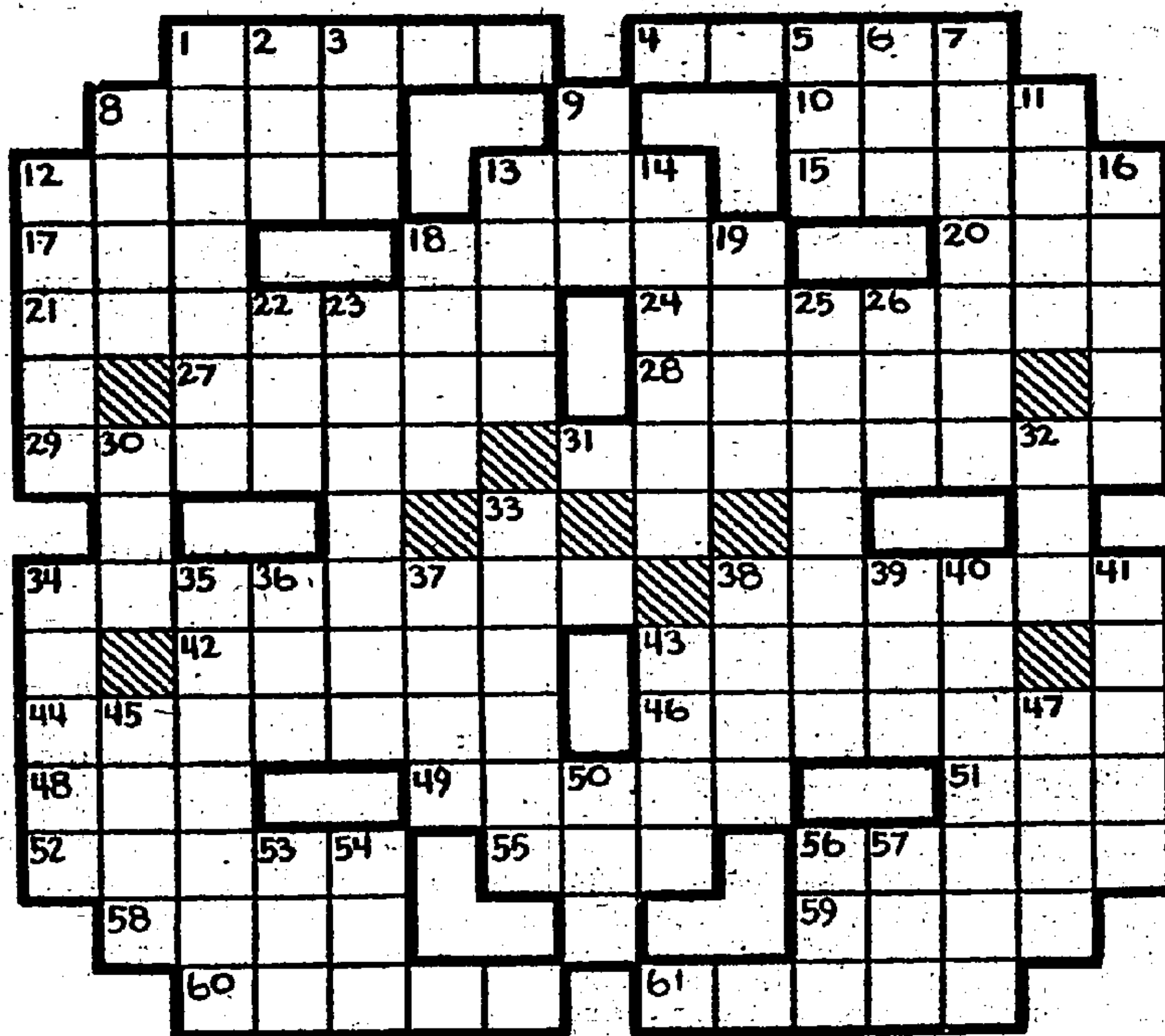
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Derision
- 4-Tumult
- 8-Thin
- 10-Hawaiian garlands
- 12-Kind of velvet
- 13-Taste
- 15-Eats
- 17-Greek letter
- 18-A fruit
- 20-S. W. State of United States (abbr.)
- 21-To cleanse, as a wound
- 24-Penetrated
- 27-Mountain nymph
- 28-Worship
- 29-Bigger
- 31-Classified
- 34-Free from kinks
- 38-Apportions
- 42-Girl's name
- 43-Slumber
- 44-Prearranged plan
- 45-Devices for climbing
- 48-Small child
- 49-River in Germany
- 51-Residence (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-Affirms
- 55-Turf
- 56-Prepared
- 58-Large lake
- 59-An insect (pl.)
- 60-Rate of motion
- 61-Compact

VERTICAL

- 1-Member of the Senate
- 2-To be competent
- 3-Unit
- 5-Aged
- 6-Portuguese coin
- 7-Slender tower
- 8-Tardy
- 9-Sag
- 11-Wither
- 12-Foot lever
- 13-Moved swiftly
- 14-Gratify
- 16-Took the part of
- 18-Same as Hagar (Bible)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-Terminates
- 22-Unit of work
- 23-Containing more read
- 25-Tested lightly
- 26-Make a mistake
- 30-An insect
- 32-Consumes
- 33-Subjects of discourse
- 34-Combining form.
- 35-Seven
- 36-Rovellers
- 37-Argent (abbr.)
- 37-Eat away little by little
- 38-Wing-shaped
- 39-Gilded
- 40-To put in action
- 41-Effeminate boy
- 43-Snow vehicle
- 45-Wander
- 47-Anarchists
- 50-Weep
- 53-Tear
- 54-Look
- 58-Moved rapidly
- 57-A naval title (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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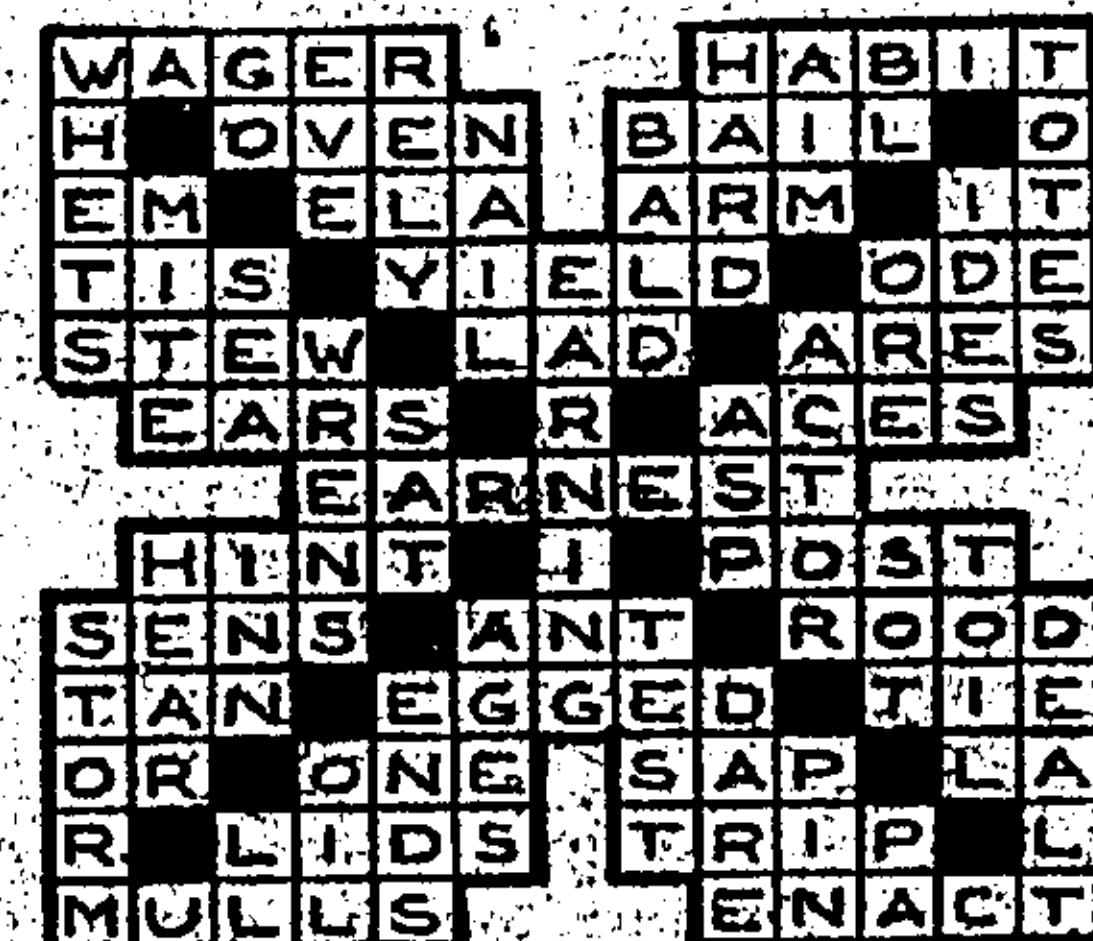
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AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TWO NEW STEAMERS OF THE TAKSANG CLASS ARE BEING BUILT BY THE KOWLOON DOCKS FOR THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY WAS MADE BY THE HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AT NOON TO-DAY.

The Chairman said:—Although Shipping in the East naturally enough is affected by the tonnage position of world markets, it would be a mistake to suppose that the tide of prosperity that has overtaken the shipping industry in other countries has reached these shores at anything like full flood. For the past two years or so this market has been overtonnaged, for the amount of business offering, and even as late as July last ten steamers were lying idle in Hong Kong. Later in the year trades outside China improved and, as vessels left the Coast, the tonnage position in relation to the volume of Trade began to adjust itself, a process that must of necessity take time. However, the Company is benefitting by the improved trading conditions and I am glad to report that the net balance of Steamers' Working Accounts this year shows a profit of £62,539.3.4d. as against a loss of £27,346.11.6d. last year. After deducting the debits usual to Revenue Account and adding certain credits, all of which are explained later, the year closes with a loss of £12,368.8.11d.

ABNORMAL WINTER

The year opened inauspiciously with North China in the grip of an abnormal winter. An almost impassable barrier of ice lay in the Gulf of Pechili from Tongku across to Chefoo from January until March and a number of ships, including some of our own, sustained considerable damage to rudders and propellers whilst trading in that area. An inevitable result of the frozen state of rivers and harbours was delay, and the shipping companies whose vessels were caught by ice must be very grateful to the Inspector-General of Customs for remitting tonnage dues during that period of forced inaction. The Port Authorities at Tientsin were unable to provide sufficient ice-breakers to keep the river open, and although it has been ruled that there would be no justification for making provision against ice conditions that obtain only once in 25 years, it should not be overlooked that the closing of the sea route to Tientsin would aggravate the grave smuggling problems of North China. Trade was brisk after the thaw but later settled down to a more normal volume.

In the South, business remained quiet during the first few months of the year, and ships were actually withdrawn from long established trades but in July an event occurred which gave trade generally in China tremendous impetus—that political unity achieved by the Central Government which brought the South-western provinces under Nanking's control. I feel that this outstanding achievement will have far reaching effects on the future welfare of China.

ADVANCE IN RATES

During the latter half of 1936 all our vessels on the Coast were well filled, and steps were taken by the various Lines with whom we are associated to advance rates of freight as fast as was practicable. Unfortunately, progress is likely to be slow and difficult when it comes to revising tariffs.

On the River haboier conditions prevailed throughout the year against the background of an abundant harvest. In my speech last year I referred to the need of agrarian reform in China and none seeing the repopulated farms in the Yangtze Valley could possibly doubt the inestimable benefits such a measure would bring to the whole country. As another indication of the settled conditions prevailing along the Yangtze, armed guards on British ships were withdrawn in July last. These guards have been carried off and on for the past 8 years, and their further use is now considered quite unnecessary. We are always very grateful to His Majesty's naval and military authorities for their invaluable assistance.

I should like to remark here that a great deal has been said in the Press of late about competition in the trades between India and the Far East where our Company was one of the

pioneers, but the matter is subjudice and for the moment I must leave it.

HOPSANG MISHAP

Your Directors once more are pleased to report that no major casualty occurred in the Fleet in the period under review and I feel sure you will wish to associate yourselves with them in paying a well deserved tribute to the Floating Staff. You have read of the stranding of s.s. "Hopsang" on Garanbi Point, Formosa, on 11th March last. At the time of the accident she was in a light condition, appears to have been overwhelmed by stress of weather and is likely to become a total loss.

As regards the future position of the Company, you know that we have been short of tonnage since 1931 and have had to charter. The disadvantages of employing other people's ships to-day will be obvious to you but to charter was the only method available to watch our interests until the promise of better times justified a longer view. Towards the end of 1936 it seemed clear to the General Managers that both chartering rates and the cost of new tonnage were likely to rise considerably in the near future, and that the time had arrived to implement a part of the Company's building programme.

NEW SHIPS

During November an order for two coasters of the "Taksang" type and one small winter Upper River steamer was placed with the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. As in the case of the "Taksang," we negotiated a loan with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to whom we shall mortgage certain ships as security. It will be appreciated that very large sums of money will be required for new tonnage or to create Building and other reserves in cash.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the two new "Taksangs" and the Upper River ship are cheap indeed when viewed in the light of to-day's prices and the original "Taksang" is, of course, a better bargain still.

It is difficult to fix a point but the wise man buys on a rising market—perhaps our best justification for acting when we did last autumn is China herself. Those of us who live out here can look with admiration at the great things Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his Ministers have achieved, things that seemed impossible a few short years ago.

During the lean years we have passed through, when this Company failed not only to make its depreciation but incurred heavy cash losses as well, and with all borrowing power fully mortgaged, it would have been unwise to attempt to launch out on an extensive constructional programme. Yet to build at the height of a boom entails trouble of another sort.

THE ACCOUNTS

The Directors have again waived their fees amounting to £1,500—per annum and this money will not be held in suspense.

Dealing with the Statement of Accounts, the items debited to Revenue amount to £83,621.14.8d. as follows, General Charges £6,422.6.6d., Depreciation £57,746.9.8d., Floating Staff Pensions £10,841.13.9d., Interest £3,611.4.9d.

Items credited to Revenue Account amount to £71,253.5.9d. and include balance brought forward from 1935 £1,321.17.1d. Gain on Working of Steamers £62,539.3.4d., Transfer Fees £32.14.0d. and Exchange Adjustment £7,359.11.4d. The only item calling for comment is Exchange Adjustment. This is due to Assets and Liabilities being converted at the closing rate on the last day of the year 1/2% compared with the closing rate for 1935 1/3%. Also a gain in exchange on remittances to meet our Sterling liabilities, the rates obtained during the year being more favourable than the closing rate of 31st December, 1936. After allowing for the above, there

CHALLENGE TO ARSENAL

MANCHESTER CITY
WIN AGAIN

LUTON'S VICTORY

London, To-day.

Manchester City, who have put themselves by a brilliant run of successes into the position of serious contenders for First Division honours, gained another two points when they scored a narrow victory over Brentford at home yesterday.

In the First Division of the Scottish League, Rangers ran wild at Hamilton and scored five goals in a one-sided match.

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

First Division

M'chester City 2 Brentford 1

Third Division (South)

Luton 5 Gillingham 2

Third Division (North)

Gateshead 0 Lincoln 5

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First Division

Hamilton 1 Rangers 5
Queen's Park 3 Albion Rovers 3
Clyde 0 Aberdeen 0

—Reuter.

LESLIE HOWARD'S £37,000 A YEAR

The British actor, Mr. Leslie Howard, was revealed as one of the three highest-paid stars employed by Warner Brothers during the past year in a report.

He received £37,000, compared with £45,000 paid to Miss Kay Francis and £40,000 paid to Mr. Joe Brown, the comedian.

Mr. Nicholas Schenck, as president of Loew's Films, received £62,000.

remains a debit of £12,368.8.11d. which it is proposed to carry forward to the year 1937.

Special Repairs and Renewals Account has been decreased by £10,208.19.0d. due chiefly to ice damage to which reference has been made already, and now stands at £3,172.18.0d.

DEBT TO MANAGERS

Sundry creditors in China and London now stand at £216,852.14.5d. as against £234,363.4.3d. last year. The balance due to the General Managers has increased from £87,036.1.1d. to £128,826.15.5d. but our Sterling Loan Account with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation amounting to £82,165.17.5d. has been paid off. The contingent liability for cumulative preferred dividends for 11 years amounts to £163,643.14.0d.

I now propose the following Resolution:—"That the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and that the debit balance of £12,368.8.11d. be carried to next year."

Mr. M. H. Lo seconded and the report was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. Murdoch proposed and Mr. Dulley seconded the re-election of Mr. M. T. Johnson and Mr. S. T. Williamson as Directors, and Mr. John Fleming and Mr. A. Ritchie were reappointed Auditors of the Company at a remuneration of \$6,000.

The following attended:—The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. S. T. Williamson (Directors), Mr. C. T. Tod (Shipping Manager), Mr. R. A. Wadson (Solicitor), Mr. John Fleming (Auditor) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. M. H. Lo, W. E. Kirby, N. L. H. Railton, A. M. da Silva, A. Murdoch, W. H. Dulley, Chan Wing, Chiu Siu Nam and A. C. Wilcox.

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BRILLIANT PLAY IN AMATEUR BILLIARDS

New Champion Makes
549 Break

London, To-day.

Kingsley Kennerley, a 23-year-old engineer from Birmingham, last night won the final of the English Amateur Billiards Championship at Burroughes Hall, London, when he defeated the holder, Joe Thompson (Workington) by 4,703 points to 3,633.

Kennerley's aggregate is a record in the competition.

In the penultimate session, Kennerley made a new world amateur record break of 549, beating the previous mark of 461.

Earlier in the final, Kennerley beat the British amateur record with 305.—Reuter.

Li Nam, 56, was admitted to the G.C.H. suffering from injuries received when he was knocked down by a lorry in Lyndhurst Terrace yesterday afternoon.

An unknown woman was found in an unconscious condition in O'Brien Road yesterday. She had apparently drunk a quantity of lysol.

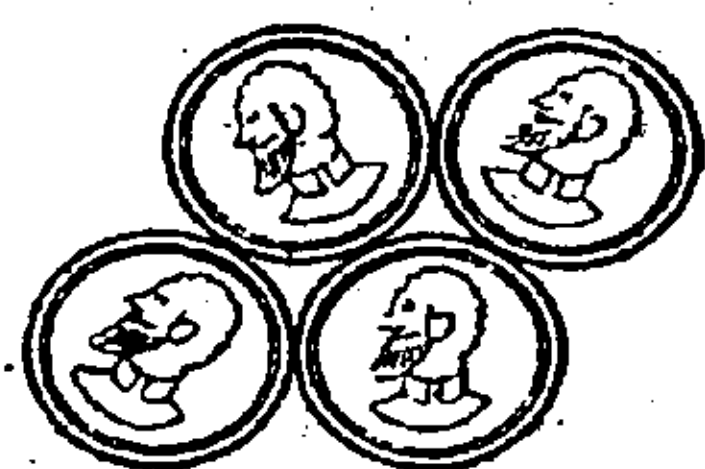
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THE SILVER FLEECE

THE question of what to do with the change in one's pockets has ever been open to many answers. You may give it to the poor. You may play the slot-machines. You may stick it in the baby's bank. You may buy another drink. You may stick your fingers into your pocket and rattle it around.

But when you are (momentarily) not in contact with the poor; when there are no slot-machines; when the baby's bank is at home; when you have had enough to drink for the time being; when you are with people who are not impressed with jingling silver and copper; then some of the devices offered herewith may serve as pleasant exercises or (who knows?), if you are lunching with the right sort, the foundation for some small but profitable bets.

One amusing little stunt with coins is to start with four—pennies or twenty-dollar gold pieces, as long as they are all alike—arranged like this:



—and by sliding them about, without lifting any of them from the table or employing any extra coins, get them into this position:

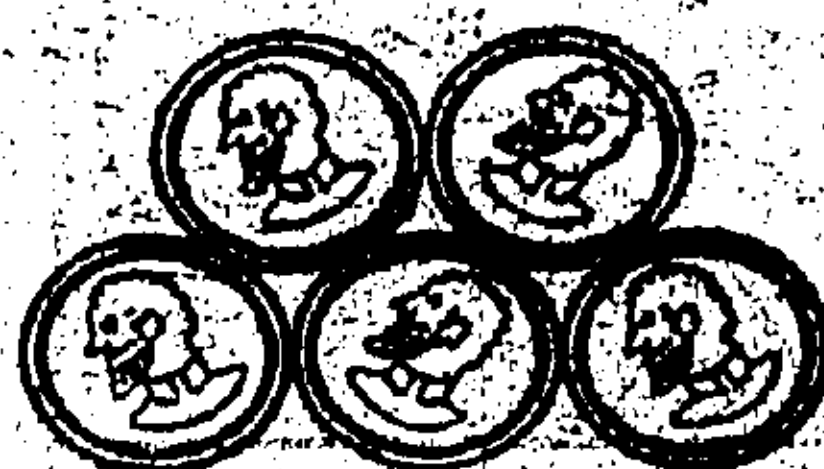


That is, arrange them so that if there were a fifth coin in the position shown by the dotted circle, all the original coins would touch it. It won't do to slide the lower right-hand coin over until it is as nearly in correct position as you can judge by eyesight; the position must be exact, not approximate.

It can be done in two moves, as shown below. Move coin 1 around as indicated by the arrow; then carefully slide coin 4 out of its place and up to the position left open by coin 1.

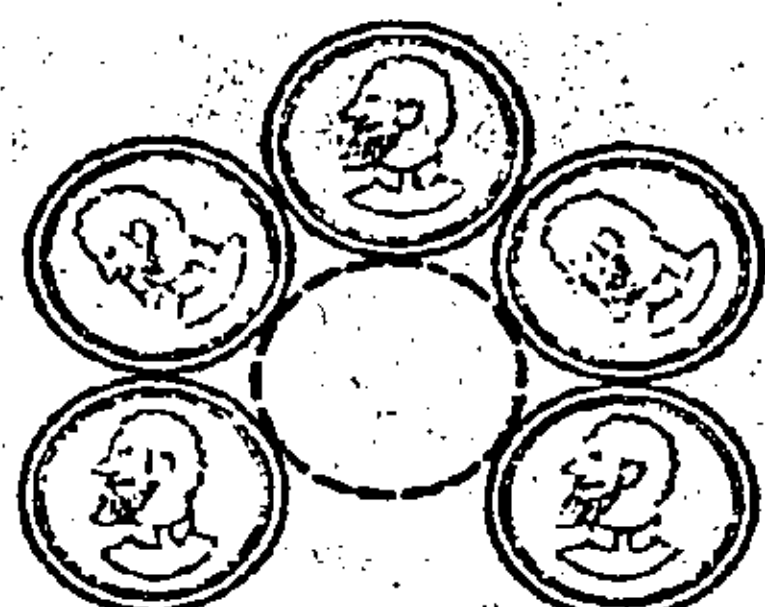


Nothing much to that one. Ah, but wait! Your friends are by this time interested; take five coins and arrange them like this



How to be a social success and earn your way through college by learning a few simple tricks

—and then challenge anyone to arrange them so that they would exactly touch a sixth coin, like this:



—keeping to the conditions already laid down and accomplishing their object in only four moves.

It's not too difficult to perform this stunt in an unlimited number of moves; seven is what the novice usually requires. Others, a little more observant, will do it in six moves, and there is what I believe is the standard solution in five. I make bold to state that I have never seen my own solution in four moves published anywhere, and to that extent I claim it as an original triumph; though bitter experience has taught me that armies of claimants have a way of arising to combat any such boast. Armies or no armies, I



I have indicated two blank spaces at the right of the row; these are to be used, as necessary, in solving the puzzle, which is this: to get all the nickels together and all the pennies together by moving two contiguous coins at a time to the vacant spaces. You might, for instance, slide the two left-hand coins around into the spaces at the right; then any other two contiguous coins could be moved into the vacant spaces left by the first pair, and another contiguous two into the spaces left by the second pair, and so on. The blank spaces must be left at one end of the row when you have finished; and only contiguous coins may be moved—that is, coins immediately beside each other. Coins between which the vacant spaces happen to fall are not contiguous. Five moves are enough to do the trick.

The specially good feature about this one, to my way of thinking, is that the opening moves are disguised—no benefit is apparently gained by moving any one pair, though if you don't start with the right one you're sunk, as far as five moves go. Like

The trick is to set the coins to change places by moving one at a time either to a blank space directly or by a jump over a single coin, with this important condition: no coin can ever move backward. Obviously, in the case shown, the nickels can move only to the right, and the pennies only to the left.

You can start by moving either coin No. 3 or coin No. 4 to the vacant space; or you can jump coin No. 2 over No. 3, or No. 5 over No. 4. You will find that you—and your betting companion—can get hopelessly locked up in this one if you aren't careful. It takes fifteen moves, by the way, and once you learn the trick of it it is a simplicity and a joy forever; you can do it so swiftly that even a watcher won't get on to the system.

And talking of coins and bets won or lost thereby: if you find a friendly stranger at a bar or at a table with no cloth—any bare wooden surface—who wants to bet that he can spin—not toss—a quarter on the aforesaid bare wooden surface and without looking at it tell whether it has come down heads or tails, don't you take him up. It will be expensive if you do. For this accommodating person has in his pocket a quarter in one edge of which a tiny notch has been cut with the blade of a knife, so that a wide view of the coin looks like this, much enlarged:



By F. Gregory Hartswick

still stick to this. I discovered it independently and shall claim it as my own until priority has been established by somebody else.

Enough of such frivolous matters, however. The answer is given elsewhere; meanwhile you might like to try it yourself; and given a reasonable time limit you should enjoy several lunches at the expense of ambitious friends, if you handle the matter properly.

Another really top-notch coin problem is to take five pennies and five nickels and lay them in a straight line, alternating pennies and nickels, like this:

all such puzzles, if given an unlimited number of moves it can be solved eventually; but the person who is betting with you is not allowed an unlimited number of moves—not if you're on the job.

A good deal of money has been won—and lost—on this simple proposition: take six coins, three of one kind and three of another—let's stick to pennies and nickels—and lay them out like so, with a blank space between each group, said blank space to contain only one coin:



That little projecting point of metal does the trick. If the coin ends its spin with that point down, it will "run down" quickly, with a rattle; if that side comes up the rundown will be much longer, with the usual whirr. Try it yourself. A little practice will enable you to distinguish at once between the sounds; and knowing on which side of the coin the notch is, you are naturally able to call it correctly every time. I explain this at this point in order that my readers may escape the wiles of such unscrupulous tricksters; naturally no gentleman would take advantage of a comrade in such an outrageous manner.

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THE HAIR AND THE OCCASION



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Says
MAX FACTOR

NEVER sacrifice your beauty for a new hairstyle, but you can take an inspiration from your destination if you combine it with a careful study of the contour and characteristics of your face. Remember that your hair is the frame of your living portrait. If you have a lovely portrait of yourself, you are careful to select a frame which will flatter, rather than destroy its personality.

Are you going to the club for breakfast, or to a formal dinner? Is your destination the opera, the launching of a debutante, or the Turf Club to pick a winner? Will you listen to the strains of a symphony, or dance to a swing band?

If you would like to let your hair announce your destination, it would be wise to try out your new idea a few days before a brilliant affair. It is something of a catastrophe to get a new hairdress for the season's big occasion and at the last minute discover that it is unbecoming.

A fluffy bob like Jean Arthur's savors of the golf links, the tennis courts, a ride in a speedy roadster. It is reminiscent of turtle neck sweaters, tweeds, and broguish shoes, because it has a natural, frank and unassuming appearance. If you have a well-proportioned forehead, and are not too broad or heavy about the chin, it should become you.

If you're planning an Easter breakfast, then you're undoubtedly thinking of a dress that speaks of spring and the cool light of morning. In that case let your coiffure be as simple and guileless as an Easter lily. If you can part your hair in the centre, and still flatter your face, you can dress it in a very charming style, with loose waves on each side and a narrow band of ribbon that strikes a corresponding colour note in your costume.

The coronation has brought forth braids, worn as a tiara, that are sure to give the wearer a queenly air, when worn with a formal dress in rich, regal colours. You can arrange the hair about your face to suit your type. But do not use the braid if your face is too long.

Curls that resemble a crown, and shine with equal brilliance, when they are lightly sprayed with liquid brillon are in line for the royal season. Marian Marsh has taken to these. They are also lovely and in keeping with afternoon dresses, and interesting with metal cloth at cocktail time.

Forthy curls that tumble about your head in charming profusion, in the manner depicted by Ann Sothorn, are also adaptable for evening and dinner gowns. With proper ornaments such a coiffure might even go to the opera. It

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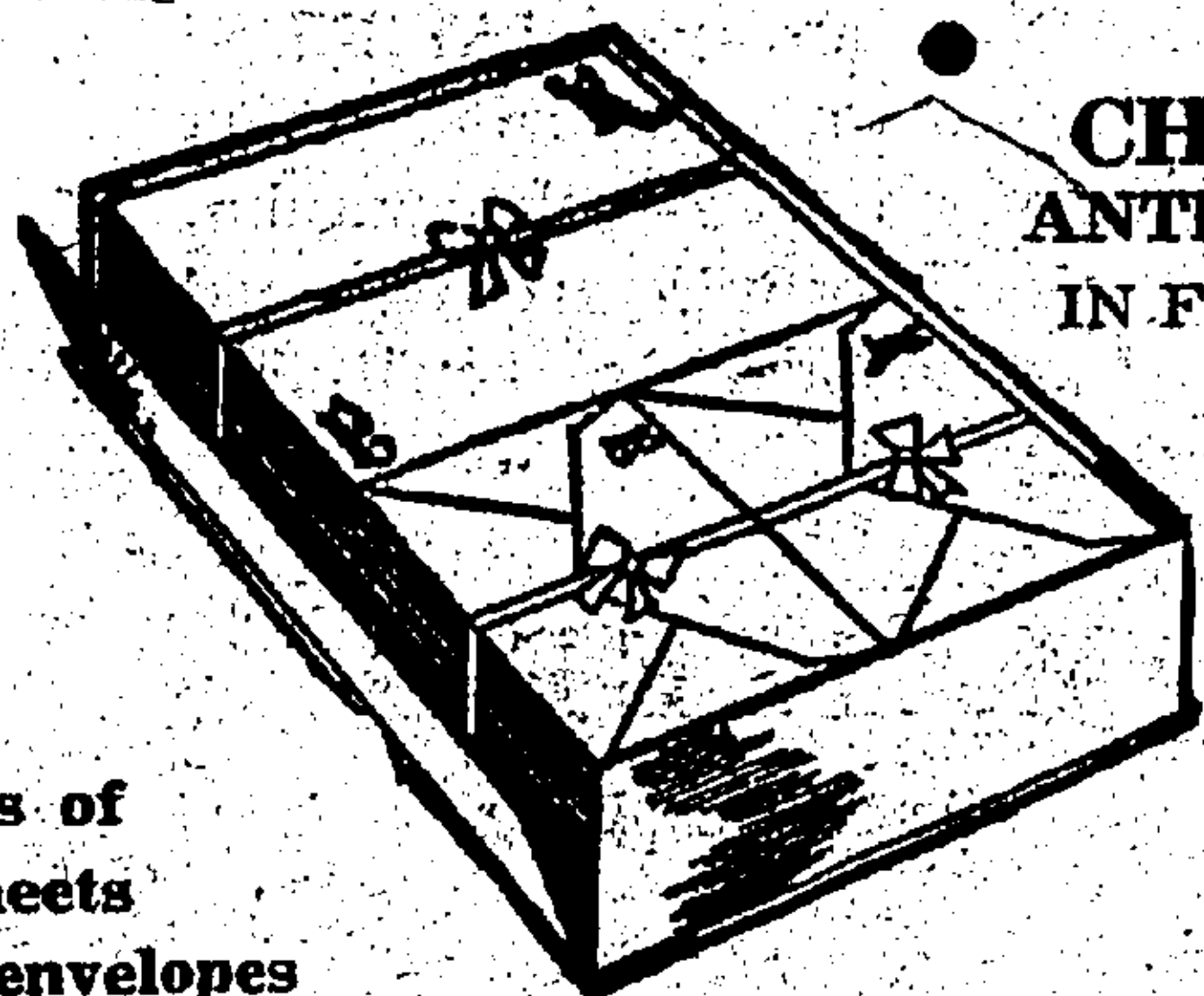
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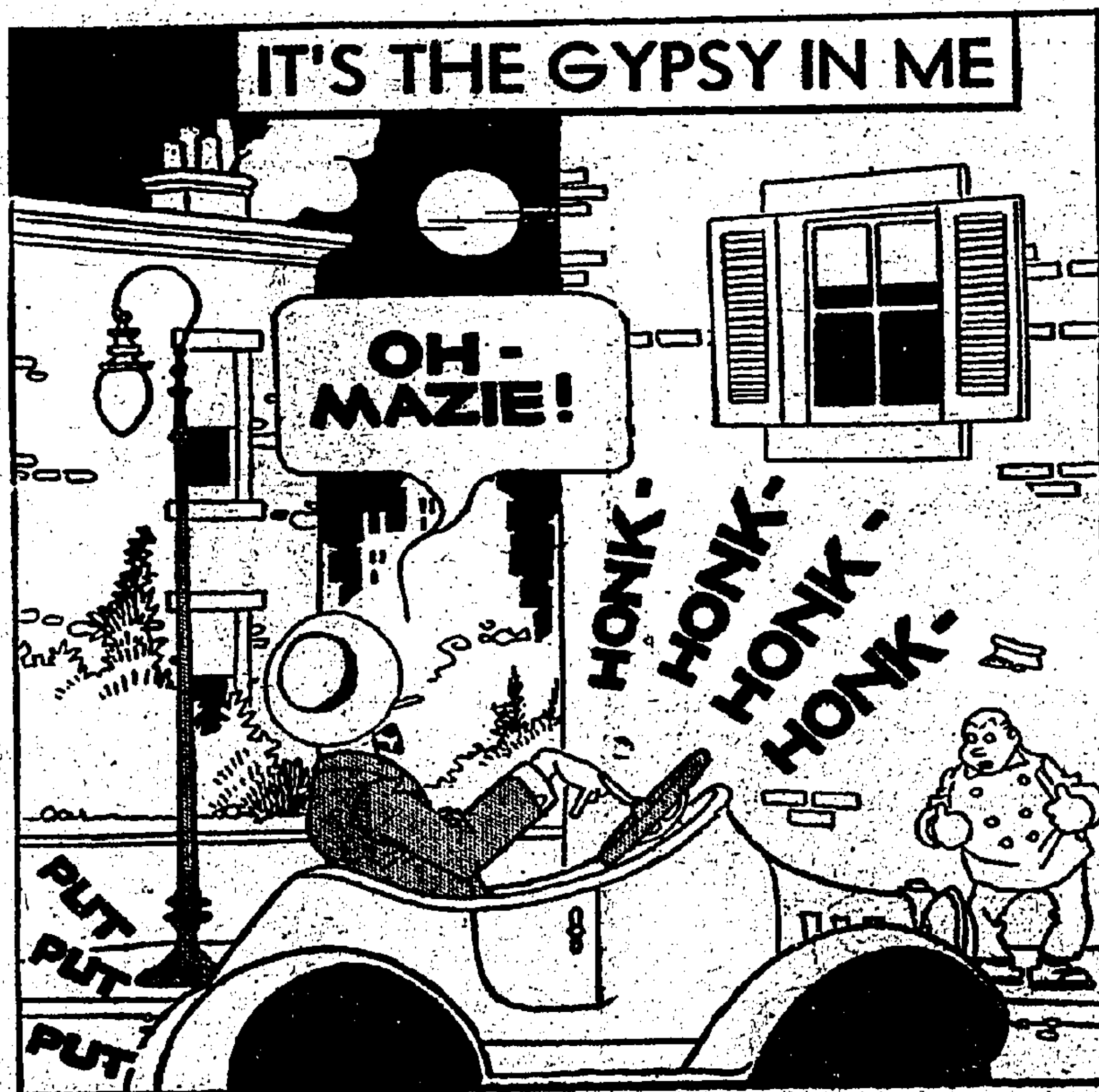
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THE HAIR AND THE OCCASION

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belongs, however, to the lady with a round, oval or broad face, not to the long or rectangular type.

Ornaments that adorn the hair have made individuality more than a whim, and practically a hair-dressing ritual. What is more, these shining baubles have taken on the spirit of "swing." One new Hollywood coiffure features large, flat pin curls with a tiny ornamental flower in the centre of each one.

Sophisticated, and with a French accent, is that sleek coiffure that is combed straight back from the face, with the ends in a smooth roll through the centre of which runs a narrow velvet band that goes completely around the head. It demands that the wearer have a lovely profile and seems to belong to satin and velvet.

These little touches of velvet and glitter do a lot toward putting a coiffure in the spirit of the occasion. But like the arrangement of the waves and curls they must be tastefully chosen to suit the purpose.

Hair must always be well-groomed, of course, or it will not be lovely either in the sun or by the candlelight. Cleanliness is the first step, brushing is the next. Permanents are often inclined to be too curly, so that each hair stands out by itself. But don't get over-zealous and soak your hair in oil, if this is the case. You actually lose your waves when you do this. But you can, when your hair is dressed, spray it with brillox, not too heavily, and it will destroy and frizzy look.

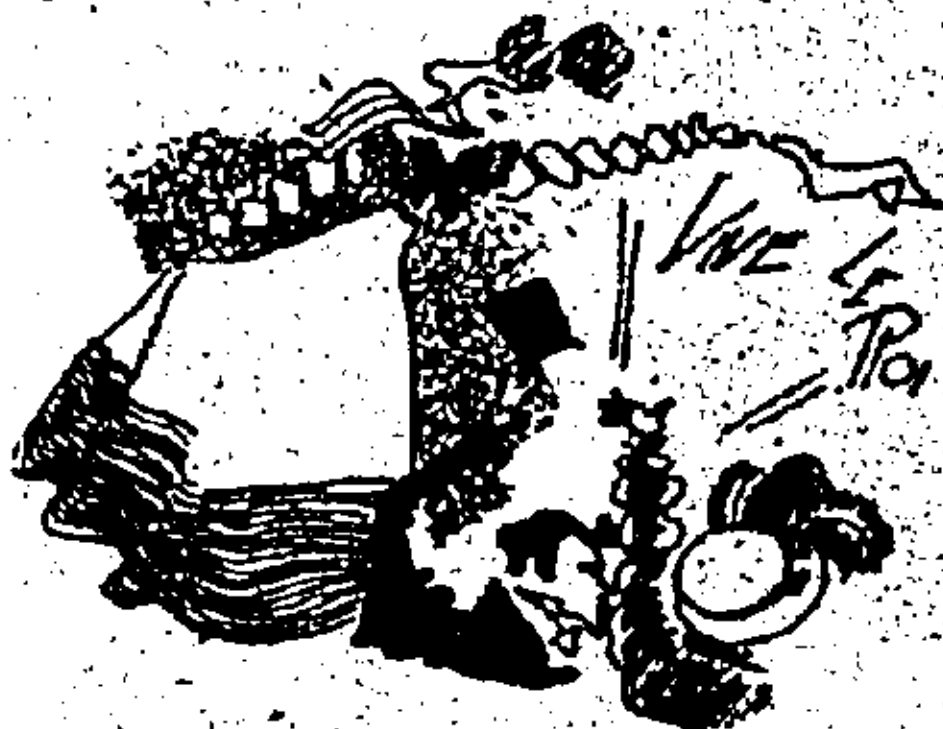
Brillox is particularly important in the evening to every coiffure. It gives the hair a lovely sheen which creates highlights and shadows under artificial lights.



A charming studio portrait of Miss Doris Chan, one of the prettiest of the local Chinese younger set. (D'Asia Studio).

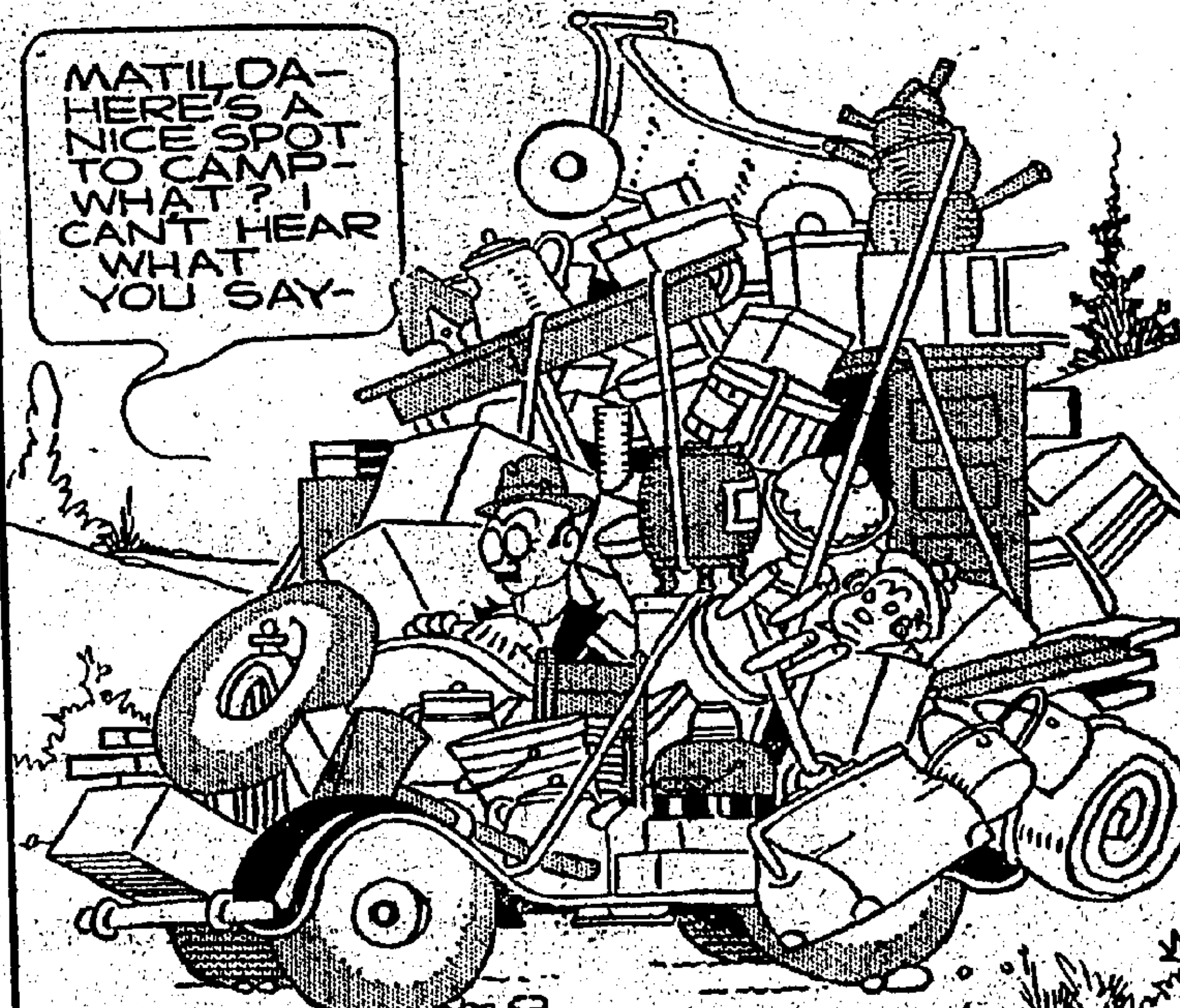
FASHION'S FOIBLES

During the Hundred Days—after Napoleon's return from Elba—the number of tucks a lady had in her gown revealed her political sympathies. If she had eighteen tucks, she was a royalist, loyal to Louis XVIII.



In Imperial China, yellow belonged to the Emperor and his family; red to the Mandarins; blue to the gentlefolk; whereas the common herd could choose from black, green and violet. However, at the honoured age of four-score years, any man or woman could wear any colour—even yellow.

IT'S THE GYPSY IN ME



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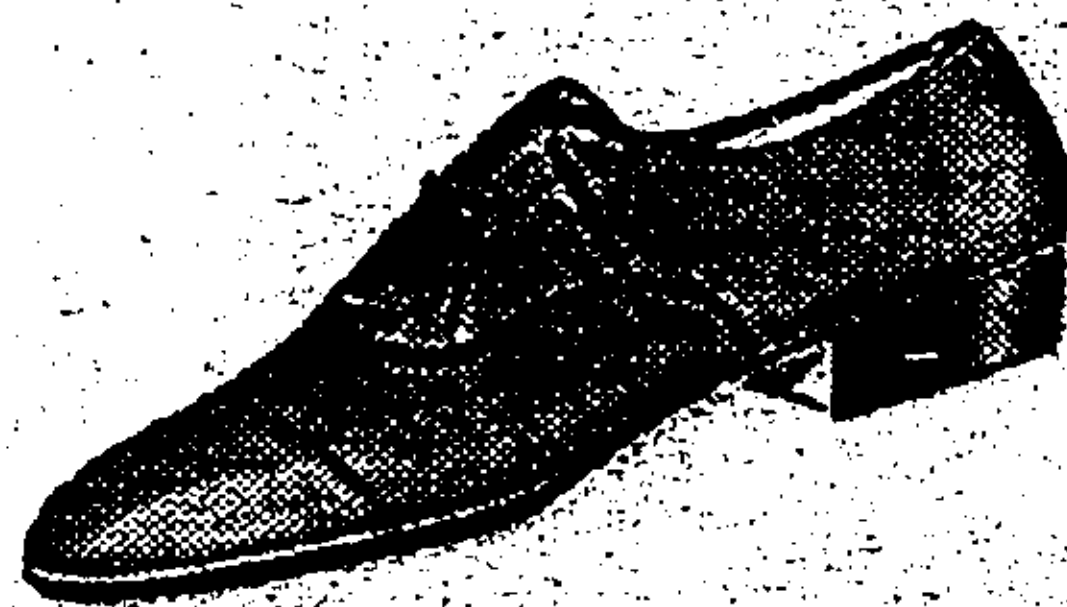
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Below will be found Ducat's selections, based on first-hand knowledge of the conditions likely to prevail and the number of injuries and changes that either make or mar a team.

The teams in capital letters are favoured to win, and a draw is indicated by the use of the same type for both teams. The figures in brackets denote the result of the corresponding game last season.



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(at Huddersfield)
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(at Arsenal)

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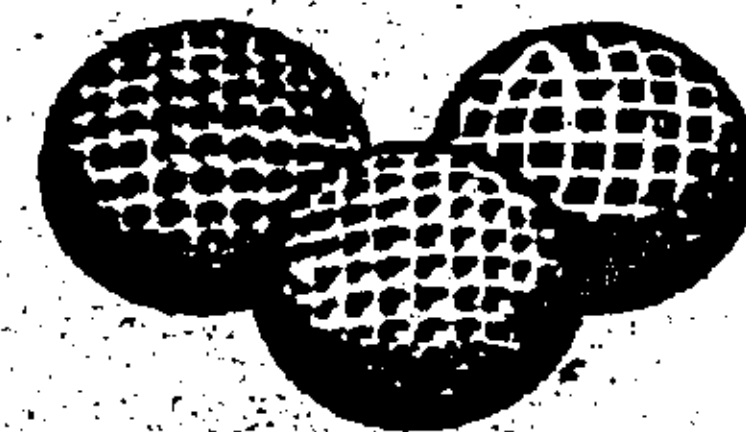
BIRMINGHAM (-) v Manchester U. (-)
CHARLTON (-) v Huddersfield (-)
Chelsea (3) v Bolton (1)
Leeds (1) v DERBY (0)
Liverpool (0) v Wolves (2)
Manchester C. (1) v Arsenal (0)
MIDDLEBROOK (5) v Wednesday (0)
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STOKE (2) v Everton (1)

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Bradford C. (2) v BURNLEY (0)
BURY (-) v Chesterfield (-)
Leicester (-) v Aston Villa (-)
NEWCASTLE (4) v Southampton (-)
NORWICH (0) v Swansea (1)
SHEFFIELD U. (3) v Doncaster (0)
TOTTENHAM (-) v Coventry (-)
WEST HAM (1) v Bradford C. (1)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bristol C. (0) v BRIGHTON (3)
CARDIFF (2) v Swindon (1)
CLAPTON (4) v Newport (0)
EXETER (3) v Bristol R. (1)
LUTON (2) v Aldershot (2)
NOTTS. C. (1) v Southend (2)
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TORQUAY (2) v Watford (1)
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| EWE (4) | v | Rotherham (1) |
| LIFAX (4) | v | Wrexham (1) |
| RTLE- OOLS (-) | v | Hull (-) |
| sfield (2) | v | STOCKPORT (1) |
| hdale (2) | v | OLDHAM (6) |
| UTHPORT (2) | v | Gateshead (0) |
| ANMERE (2) | v | Darlington (0) |
| RK (1) | v | Lincoln (0) |

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
(FIRST DIVISION).

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| fermline (1) | v | Celtic (0) |
| LRK (-) | v | Hibernian (-) |
| hilton (2) | v | ABERDEEN (3) |
| ARTS (2) | v | Queen O'S. (0) |
| HER- VELL (5) | v | Partick (3) |
| NGERS (5) | v | Albion (1) |
| Johnstone (0) | v | Kilmarnock (0) |
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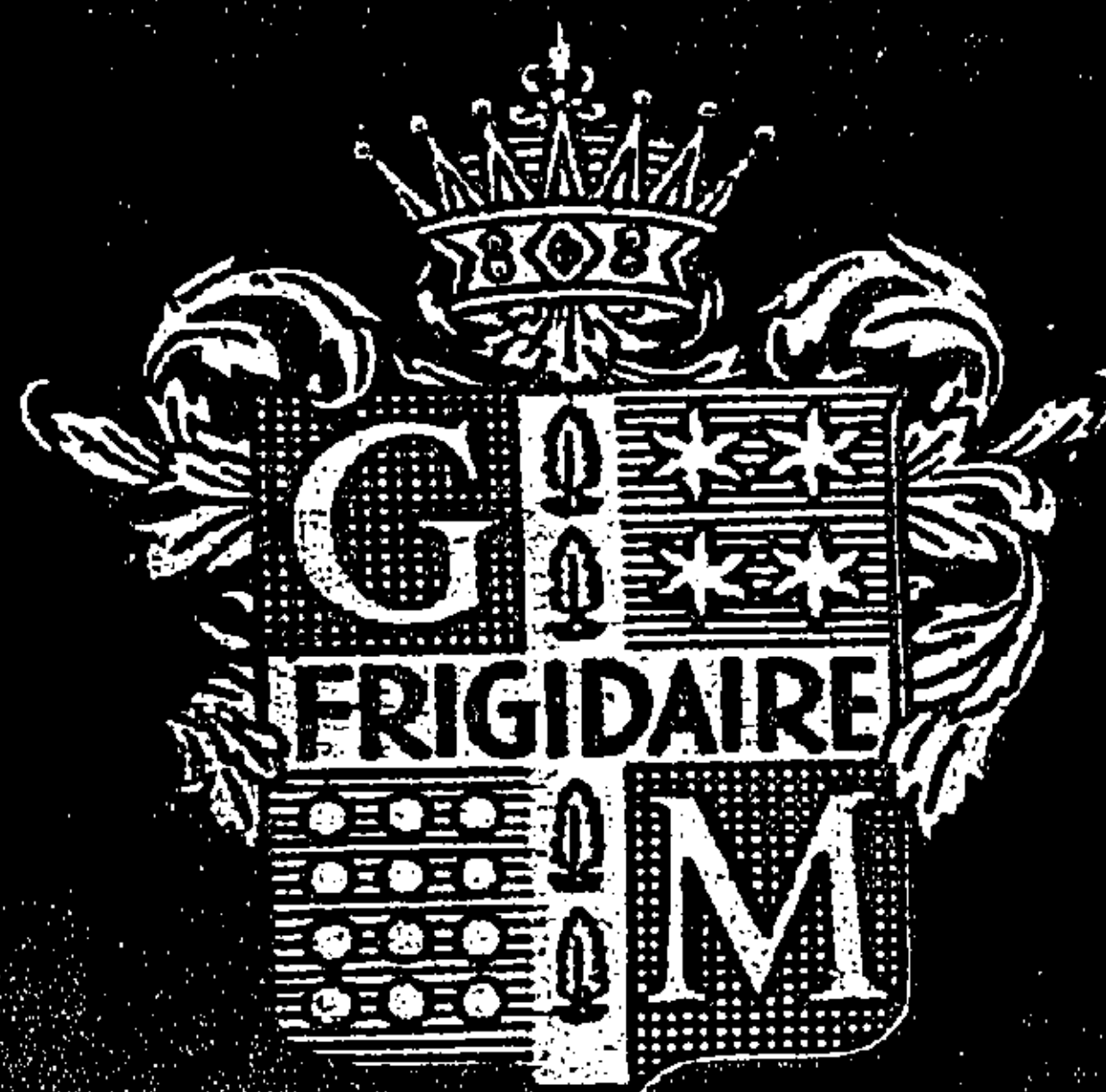
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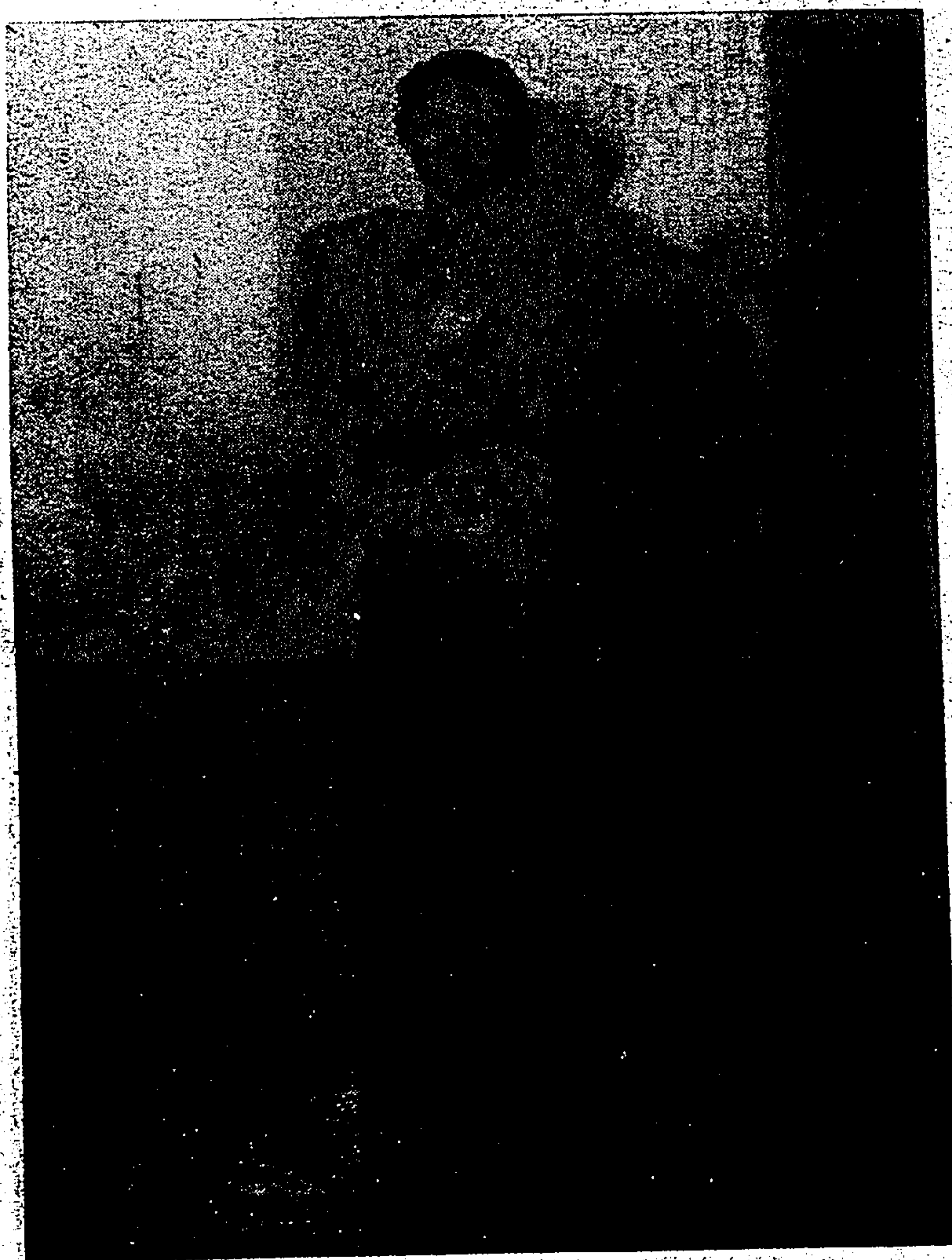
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A group of spectators watching the University Sports at Pokfulam. In the centre is Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University. ("China Mail" photo).



Mr. and Mrs. Yu Kai-yan after their wedding at the Kowloon Union Church last Saturday. The bride was formerly Miss Law Yuet-ho, well-known in sporting circles as the captain of the Mui Fong Girls' College basketball team. (Yuen Chun).



A charming portrait of Miss Cynthia Garcia, of Kowloon. (Rialto Studio).

ABOUT TOWN



Group photograph taken after the wedding last Saturday at St. Andrew's Church of Petty Officer A. H. Oades, of H. M. S. Medway, and Miss Ann Mary Fox. (Yuen Chun).

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I would like to know....

Who the proud mother is who said to a bored visitor: "Yes, my baby is a year old now, and he has been walking since he was eight months old."

"Really! He must be awfully tired."

Who the gentleman was whose friend exclaimed to him: "Looks like a pretty old car you've got there."

"Yes, he replied, 'my daughter's been driving it two weeks now.'"

whose wedding it was that was rather spoilt by a baby which insisted upon crying at the top of its voice throughout the ceremony.

Afterwards, at the reception, the best man commented on the nuisance and suggested that children should not be allowed in church.

"You're quite right," said a ten-year-old bridesmaid. "When I get married I'm going to have a note printed in the corner of all the invitation cards — 'NO BABIES EXPECTED.'"

Who the two gentlemen were, who, meeting at the bar, had the following conversation:

"You know, I often wondered why some people wear beards. I once had a beard like yours, and when I realized that it was hiding my face, I cut it off."

"Yeh. I once had a face like yours. When I realized that I couldn't cut it off, I grew this beard."

who the tourist on the Franconia was who couldn't locate her stateroom on one occasion during the cruise. Finally, an officer asked if she could remember the number. She said no, but would know her room if she saw it, because there was a lighthouse outside the window.

who the experimenting naturalist is, who is said to be crossing homing pigeons with parrots. He says that if a pigeon gets lost, at least he can ask his way home.

who the aviator is who took his wife up for her first trip?

"Wait a moment, George," said she, "I'm afraid we'll have to go down again."

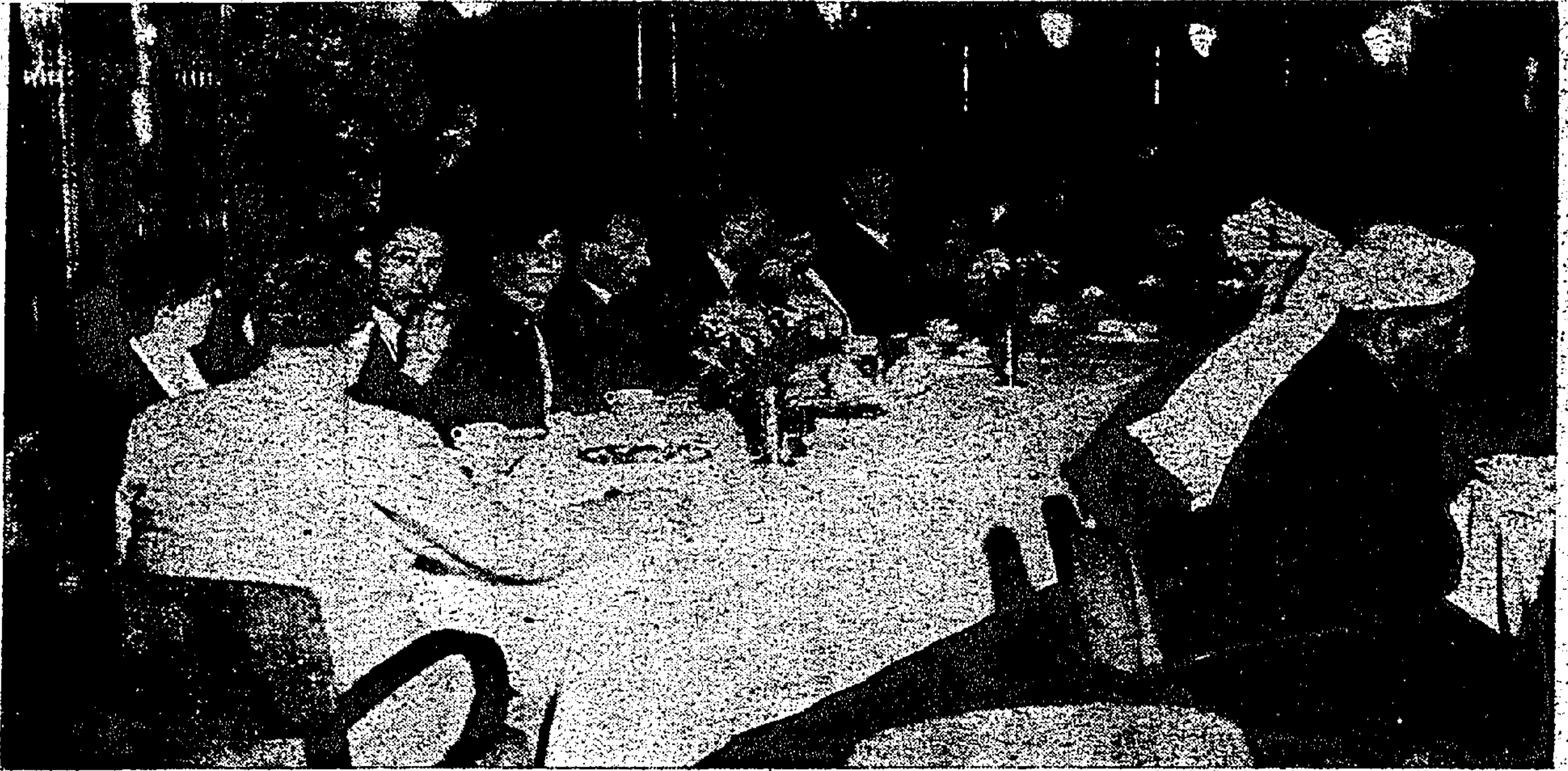
"What is wrong?" asked the husband.

"I believe I have dropped one of the pearl buttons off my jacket. I think I can see it glistening on the ground."

"Keep your seat my dear," said the aviator, "that's the Shingmun dam."

by The HEADHUNTER

About TOWN



Taken at the farewell tea party given to Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons, by the Indian warders. ("China Mail" photo).



A group of spectators at the King's College Sports at Caroline Hill. From left to right, Mr. G. P. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. J. J. Ferguson, Mrs. T. J. Price and Mr. Price, Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell and Miss A. Steele. ("China Mail" photo).



Taken on the wharf when a large group were present to welcome the Nanking Minister of Finance, Dr. H. H. Kung, when he passed through the Colony on the way to London, this group shows (left to right) the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, and Sir Robert Ho Tung. (Ming Yuen).

THE SILVER FLEECE

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I would caution you that the stunt can't be pulled too many times, for the ears of the uninitiated are likely to catch on to the different sounds, and then good-by profits and enter possible mayhem.

One device to trap the unwary is so simple as to seem positively childish, and so obvious that one would think nobody could possibly fail to see it; and yet people consistently fall for it and are mightily mystified by it. Take a handful of coins from your pocket and keep your fist closed on it (you might jingle it a bit to show your opponent that you are holding more than one coin) and then tell the victim that he may take any number he likes from *his* pocket, odd or even as he chooses, and that you will bet that the total will be different from the number he chose—that is, if he selected an odd number, the total will be even, and vice-versa. His bet, of course, is that his number and the total will be the same as far as oddness or evenness go.

On the face of it, it looks like a good fifty-fifty bet; but—perhaps I should adopt the attitude I selected for the last piece of skullduggery outlined; it's a fraud, pure and simple, and is mentioned here as a warning only. All you have to do is be sure that the number of coins you take from your pocket is an odd number; your opponent will *never* be right. It's quite clear, surely: an odd number plus an odd number produces an even number; an odd number plus an even number produces an odd number. Therefore no matter whether the unfortunate easy mark selects an odd or an even number of coins the total is invariably the reverse.

Of course you can always get somebody to bet that you can't give him thirty cents in two coins

one of which isn't a quarter. If you know it, don't sneer; there are one hundred million people in this broad and fairly fair land, and it is reasonable to believe that even the most moss-grown wheeze has been overlooked by two or three of them. And then, maybe you *don't* know it. Come on, then; I'll give you thirty cents in two coins, one of which isn't a quarter. Sold? The money's up? Good; here you are; a quarter and a nickel. One of them isn't a quarter. That's what I said; that's what I promised to do. I have given you thirty cents in two coins, and one of them isn't a quarter. One of them, of course, is a quarter, but that wasn't the idea. Pay me.

As a finisher, here is a little stunt which sounds a lot simpler than it is; at least in numerous personal trials I have found it a sticker for some really very fine intellects. Take six coins—they needn't be alike, though it makes the general layout neater if all six are the same—and lay them out in a row, three with heads up and the other three with tails on top, like this:



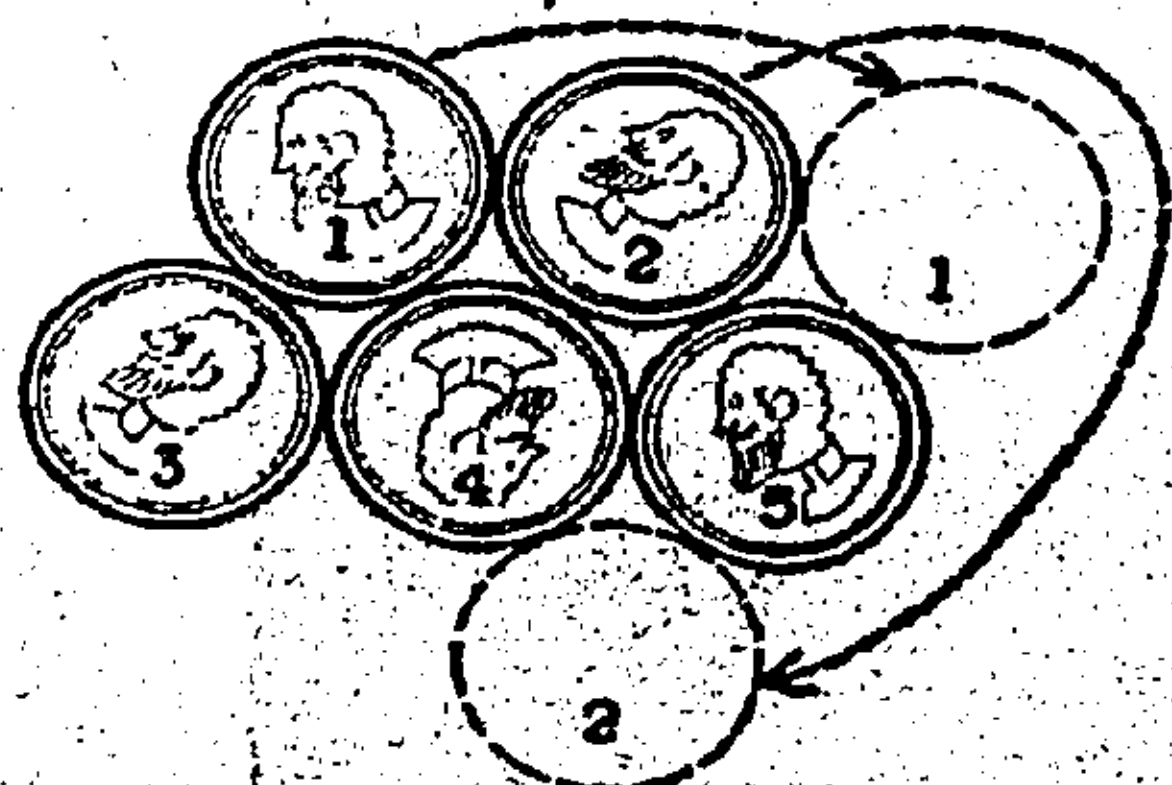
The puzzle is to get them arranged with heads and tails alternating, like this:



—in three moves each move consisting of turning over a pair of adjacent coins. That is, at each move you turn over two coins, and the coins turned must be next to each other. Of course, if you could turn over coins that were not adjacent the puzzle would be solved in one move by turning over the second and fifth coin; but adjacency is of the essence, as the barristers say.

Solution To Problems

Five coins can be moved from the formation given into such a position that each would exactly touch a sixth, if it were there, by the following four moves (See diagram below):



Move coin No. 1 to dotted position 1; coin No. 2 to dotted position 2; slide coin No. 4 up to the place originally occupied by coin No. 2; and move coin No. 1 back to its original place.

In the case of the five nickels and five pennies, to get them together move the following pairs, considering that the two blank

spaces are numbered 11 and 12, and that the numbers refer to the spaces and not to the coins. If the directions, for instance, call for No. 2 to be moved, to space No. 6, say, then that coin becomes No. 6. Move 2 and 3, 7 and 8, 4 and 5, 10 and 11, and 1 and 2. As there are always only two blank spaces, it need not be specified where these moves are made to.

The three-nickels-and-three-pennies puzzle is solved like this: move a nickel, then two pennies, then three nickels, then three pennies, then three nickels, then two pennies, then one nickel. The nice thing is that these moves are so easy to remember: 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1, and alternating nickels and pennies. In a very short time you can learn to make the change so quickly that a watcher can't follow your moves.

To get the coins alternating heads and tails in three moves, turn over pairs 3-4, 4-5, and 2-3.

POP

By J. MILLAR WATT

The Irresistible Songbirds

